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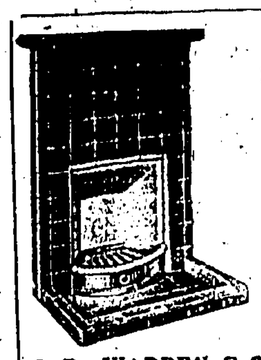

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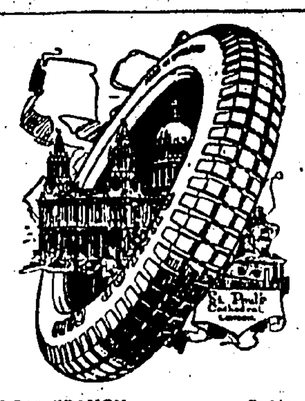

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THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

SOUND FOUNDATION FOR STABILITY.

RESULTS CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY.

PRESIDENT HOOVER ON THE FINE SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION.

FRANCE'S GESTURE.

THOUGH Wall Street has shown no enthusiasm at the outcome of the London Conference, the results are considered to be very satisfactory by official circles in Washington and London, where it is believed that the immediate necessities have been met and that the foundations have been laid for effective and permanent action to follow. It is evident from the comments of President Hoover on the Conference decisions that there is no cause for pessimism.

The Conference broke off with speeches by the principal delegates in the course of which M. Laval made another gesture to Germany, urging confident co-operation between the two countries as essential to international security.

BANKING CO-OPERATION ASSURED.

Washington, July 23.

"The London Conference has laid a sound foundation for the establishment of stability in Germany," declared President Hoover to-night, commenting on the results of the negotiations.

"The Conference," he added, "supplements the suspension of inter-governmental debts already agreed upon, and the combined effect should be to enable the Germans, with their resources, industry and courage, to overcome their temporary difficulties and restore to them their credits."

Co-Operation Assured.

"The major problem is one primarily affecting banking credit conditions and it can best be solved by the voluntary co-operation of the bankers of the world, rather than by governments with their conflicting interests.

"Such basis of co-operation is assured."

President Hoover added that the decision of the Conference would contribute to the economic recovery of the world, and he paid a tribute to the fine spirit of conciliation evident at the Conference.

President Hoover has telegraphed his congratulations to Mr. Stimson and Mr. Mellon. *Reuter's American Service.*

Lack of Confidence Unjustified.

London, July, 23.

The Seven Power Conference terminated to-day with an agreement on the measures to be immediately taken for the purpose of restoring confidence in Germany's financial situation.

The speeches indicated the encouraging spirit in which all the Powers represented are willing to co-operate for this purpose.

An official communique, after declaring that the lack of confidence which caused the recent excessive withdrawals was unjustified by the economic and budgetary situation in Germany, outlined the measures the Governments will recommend to the financial institutions in their respective countries in order to relieve the immediate situation. These were, firstly, a renewal for three months of the Central Bank credit of one hundred million dollars to the Reichsbank, granted under the auspices of the Bank of International Settlements, and, secondly, concerted measures by the national banks to maintain Germany's present credits.

Bankers' Committee.

A Committee of Bankers will inquire into the further credit needs of Germany and study the question of converting part of her short term credits into long term credits.

The Conference also expressed the opinion that the joint guarantee recently placed by German industry at the disposal of the gold discount bank was of a kind which should make possible the provision of a sound basis for the resumption of the normal operations of international credit. The communique added: "The Conference considers that if these measures are carried through they will form a basis for the more permanent action to follow."

Experts to Carry On.

The Committee of experts which assembled in London last week under the chairmanship of Sir Frederick Leith Ross, of the British Treasury, is, on the decision of the conference, to proceed with the elaboration of the details for giving effect to the Hoover Plan of one year's suspension of inter-governmental debts. They will meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock at the Treasury.

Closing Speeches.

At the conclusion of the Conference, the French Prime Minister, M. Laval, after expressing thanks to the President of the Conference, Mr. MacDonald, and to the British Government, which were renewed in turn by Mr. Stimson, Dr. Bruening and the other delegates, said he wished to tell the United States representatives how much they appreciated the mixture of powerful idealism and practical sense with which they had joined in the attempt to put an end to the

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NEWSPAPER VIEW OF RESULTS.

MERE PALLIATIVES APPLIED.

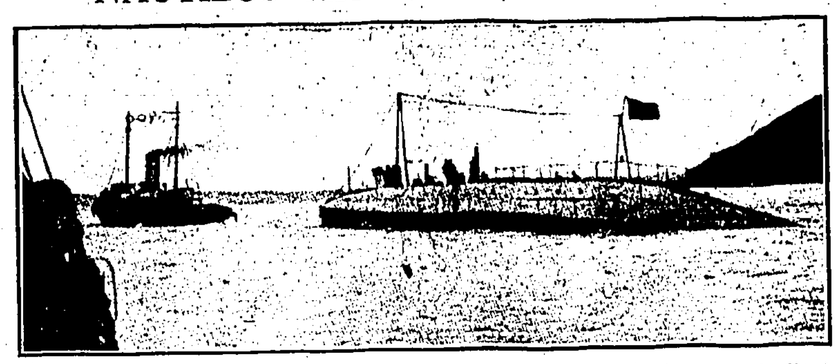
London, July 24.

The "bird in hand" theory does not dominate the London Conference conclusions, for, instead of colossal loans negotiated in the background of the possibility of a future revision of the Young Plan, as mooted a few weeks ago, the Germans take back just sufficient "palliatives" to stave off immediate disaster.

In addition, they have the assurance that the Franco-German clouds have perceptibly lifted and that America is again taking an active interest in European troubles.

The London newspapers are in no wise convinced that the crisis has been more than postponed.

NAUTILUS ARRIVES AT PLYMOUTH.



The submarine Nautilus, in which Sir Hubert Wilkins hopes to proceed under-sea to the North Pole, is shown above entering Plymouth Harbour for repairs following her adventure in the Atlantic, when heavy seas disabled her.

ARMY OFFICER STABBED.

PUNJAB TRAIN OUTRAGE.

ONE OF VICTIMS SUCCUMBS.

Bansaval, July 23.

Two British army officers were to-day the victims of Punjabi terrorists, both being stabbed in their sleep in a Punjab mail train.

Lieutenant G. R. Hext, of the 8th Punjabi Regiment, subsequently died of his wounds, but Lieutenant E. M. Sheehan, of the Royal Artillery, his companion, is reported to be out of danger, though he was badly wounded.

The outrage occurred in the sleeping car of the train and was carried out by unknown assailants who are believed to have subsequently jumped from the train when it was slowing down and made their escape into the jungle.

Lieutenants Hext and Sheehan were rushed off to hospital at Bansaval, but the former succumbed.—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-RUSSIAN DEBTS.

MR. HENDERSON INTERVIEWS SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

London, July 23.

It is announced that the Foreign Secretary had an interview with M. Sokolnikoff, Ambassador of the U. S. S. R., to-day, when the Anglo-Soviet debt question was discussed.

Mr. Henderson will have another interview with him to-morrow.—*British Wireless.*

TRAGIC FLIGHT FROM DOG.

ALARMED AMAH'S FATAL FALL.

A peculiar mishap, resulting in the death of an amah in the employ of Mr. Ho Kwong, of 7, Macdonnell Road, occurred last night when the woman was chased by a dog, and, as a result of injuries caused through falling down, died before the arrival of the ambulance.

It appears that the woman was in Macdonnell Road shortly after nine o'clock last night when she was suddenly frightened by a dog.

She instantly tried to get out of the animal's reach and ran away with the dog in hot pursuit.

After running for a short distance, the amah fell heavily on her head, the impact causing her to bite through her tongue.

The ambulance was summoned, but before its arrival the amah had succumbed.

Death of Madame Soong.

NEWS OF BOMBING WITHHELD.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, July 24.

The death of Madame K. T. Soong, mother of Mr. T. V. Soong, Madame Sun Yat-sen and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, occurred in Tsingtao at noon yesterday.

Prior to the trip to Tsingtao a week ago, Madame Soong had been seriously ill, and she was grave on the evening of July 22, and it is not thought that the attempt on the life of her son had anything to do with her death.

It is not known whether she was informed of the attempt, but it is believed that the despatch was withheld.

BOMBARDMENT IN HEART OF SEVILLE.

GRIM LESSON TO SYNDICALISTS.

POLICE SNIPED.

Seville, July 23.

In pursuance of the new Government policy of ruthless suppression of the Syndicalists, whose activities have been taking more violet forms, including a campaign of guerilla warfare, the military at Seville to-day indulged in a "peaceful bombardment."

Guns were trained on certain buildings in the city from which the Syndicalist ringleaders yesterday sniped police, and after warning had been given, the shelling proceeded.

The previous warning enabled neighbouring inhabitants to take refuge at a distance from which (under the cover of machine-guns because the authorities were taking no risks) they watched the work of destruction.

The salutary lesson provided by the heavy artillery was further emphasised by military aeroplanes roaring low overhead.—*Reuter.*

(See Picture Below).

PREMIER TO FLY TO BERLIN.

PROBABLY LEAVING ON MONDAY.

London, July 23.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, will probably fly to Berlin on Monday, to return the recent visit of German statesmen.—*British Wireless.*

The Spanish military are taking every precaution against the development of serious disturbances. Troops are shown scattering sand over a main thoroughfare in Seville in readiness for

NANKING'S CYNICISM IN THE THORBURN SCANDAL.

VIGOROUS DENUNCIATION OF ITS "INSULTING" DENIALS.

MORE COMMONS QUESTIONS.

The cynical make-belief of the report submitted to Sir Miles Lampson, dealing with Nanking's "investigation" of the disappearance of Mr. John Thorburn, and amounting to a complete denial of the evidence furnished by the British authorities, has aroused the *North China Daily News* to a vigorous denunciation. The journal says that patience and friendly remonstrance have had their way and have achieved nothing. The next step must be different.

London, July 23.

The keener interest being taken by members of the House of Commons in the Thorburn scandal, doubtless as a result of the stirring-up by Shanghai associations and residents, is illustrated by the fact that further questions are being put to Mr. Arthur Henderson on Monday.

The line taken by the Conservatives is that the case illustrates the dangers of the relinquishment of extraterritoriality, or of assenting to any measure which would place Europeans under Chinese authority.

Firm Line Welcomed.

The firm line indicated in the replies to questions yesterday has been welcomed, and every possible step will be taken to keep the question in active being until it is settled satisfactorily.—*Reuter.*

The *North China Daily News* commenting on the Report of the Chinese Government "commission of inquiry," which denies that any foreigner was arrested in connexion with the Quinsan incident, says, inter alia:—

The result of the so-called "joint and strict investigation" of the disappearance of Mr. Thorburn does not deserve the compliment of critical examination.

Not Even Good Fiction.

It is not even a creditable or competent work of fiction. Its air of make-believe is so naively elementary. Its evasions are so gross, its studied disregard of the weighty evidence furnished by the British authorities is so insulting that it is amazing that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with which the relations of the British Minister have been so cordial should have had the assurance to treat it as a document for serious consideration. Although of a piece with the general tenor of the communication, it would have been better if the Government had refrained from adding the gratuitously provocative information that instructions to search for Mr. Thorburn had been issued to the officials of certain provinces.

Process of Suppression.

It is only necessary to select one passage of the Chinese statement as a typical example of the process of suppression which has been set in train.

The British authorities, on the basis of a report by a responsible consular official, were able to inform the Chinese Government that the stationmaster at Quinsan had reported the entrainment, on June 2 at 1 p.m., of a foreigner in the custody of military police. What does the stationmaster of Quinsan say to the "joint and strict" investigators? Interrogated by them:

"He admitted having read a newspaper report and having heard a rumour to the effect that gendarmes had arrested a foreigner; he had however not seen them himself and could not say if it were true."

And it may be noted that various statements by Chinese in Quinsan definitely corroborated and supplemented the original statement made by the stationmaster to Mr. Scott. It is sufficient to compare the two investigations on this one point to establish the utter valuelessness of the preposterous document with which the Chinese Government apparently expect to bamboozle the British Minister.

Ghastly Blunder.

Further examination of the "report" would be a superfluous insult to the intelligence. All that can be said is that, if this is characteristic of the type of argument successfully used by the Chinese Government to influence foreign diplomatists, then the innocence of the representatives of the Great Powers in China surpasses all human understanding.

Giving the Chinese Government the credit for some intelligence, it may be surmised that they have not the slightest hope of obtaining credence for their "report." They realize that a ghastly blunder has been made; they do not appreciate the value of a frank admission of it, they believe that a combination of bland ignorance and bluff will be acceptable to the British Minister and that the perturbation caused by Mr. Thorburn's disappearance will fade away as the foreign community grow tired of the fruitlessness of investigation.

An Illusion.

It is to be hoped that the Foreign Office in London will speedily authorize its representative here to shatter these illusions.

Six weeks ago there was evidence of Thorburn's existence. To-day the Chinese Government deny that evidence. Knowing as everyone does the resources at the Government's disposal, it may be asserted that, unless a miracle happens, the facts will be made to fit that denial.

In other words, if the British Minister is unable to bring the Chinese authorities to a realization of the overwhelming advantage of a frank admission of the outrage committed, Mr. Thorburn's return to his friends is so problematical as to be almost outside the bounds of possibility. It seems to be the belief that the British community and their foreign friends see in this affair nothing but an opportunity for making capital, in respect of the projected abolition of extraterritoriality. If that were so the blame would lie solely on the shoulders of the Chinese Government who are astute enough to discern the inconsistency of their handling of this case with their protestations regarding their ability to protect the lives of foreign nationals.

Clear Suggestion.

For, first of all there is the clear suggestion that had Mr. Thorburn been a Russian and therefore, endowed with no extraterritorial rights, the fate which befell him would have been bluntly and, indeed, casually admitted. Secondly, it should again be emphasized that here the action challenged is not that of bandits in some remote tract of a distant province but of officials of the Chinese Government functioning in Nanking's own province. But the question of extraterritoriality, vital though it be, is not the primary factor in the strong resentment of the British community. They are concerned because the recognized Government of a nation with whom they endeavour to live on friendly terms in accordance with the principles of international amity, are utterly reckless of the elementary duties of one Power towards another. The cynical make-believe of the report submitted to Sir Miles Lampson is more than reckless; it is a calculated insult.

Severe Rebuff.

It has thrown the possible delinquencies of Mr. Thorburn into the shade. It stands to be adjudged as a simple repudiation of the terms of equal friendship on which the relations between the British and Chinese Governments have been based. It constitutes a severe rebuff to Dr. C. T. Wang himself, whose sincerity and ability in attempting to consolidate those relations will be generally admitted. It is most regrettable that he should be compelled to be the channel for the transmission of a document, every line of which must affront his intelligence and threaten to imperil his patient endeavours.

The next step to be taken by the British Government will now be the subject of anxious thought both here and in London. Various courses of action can be suggested. It would be preferable perhaps, at this stage, to refrain specifically from indicating them. The first duty of the community and of organs of opinion is to inform the British Government that the Chinese Government's report is totally inadequate, unacceptable and insulting.

The Next Step.

It has been the contention that effective measures to enforce justice

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THE ATTEMPT ON MR. SOONG.

STORY OF SHANGHAI OUTRAGE.

MOTHER DIES.

Shanghai, July 23.

Reuter's Nanking correspondent, who was travelling on the same train as the Ministers and was present at the station exit at the time the shots were fired at Mr. T. V. Soong says:

"There is no doubt whatever that Mr. Soong was the sole objective of the attack. It was widely known that he was travelling on this train, whereas the fact that Mr. Shigemitsu was aboard had not been scheduled. I was walking with Mr. Shigemitsu toward the entrance where he made straight for his car, which was 20 yards ahead of Mr. Soong's. None of the shots came in Mr. Shigemitsu's direction. They were all fired from another street at the side of Mr. Soong's car.

"The attack only failed in its object by being too premature. Had it been ten seconds later the Ministers and his party might have been wiped out.

Guards Fire on Crowd.

"Mr. Soong's bodyguards replied to the attack by firing on the crowd who were thrown into a panic, during which the culprits escaped. One of Mr. Soong's secretaries was injured. On the bombs exploding the booking-hall was filled with black smoke and Mr. Soong, drawing his automatic pistol took cover behind a stone pillar, from whence he was shortly afterwards escorted by railway police to the railway office upstairs. Later he proceeded to his private residence in the French Concession and refused to be interviewed."

Mr. Shigemitsu Interviewed.

In an interview with a representative of Reuter's, Mr. Shigemitsu said:

"Just as I was entering my car I heard a bomb explode and a fusillade broke out. I saw the crowd in the booking office in a state of panic and falling flat on the ground to escape the bullets. Obviously the objective of the dastardly attack was the Minister of Finance. The masonry of the station exit was bespattered with bullets."

Keeps Fragments of Bomb As Souvenir.

Mr. Soong returned to his residence this afternoon and when seen had the fragments of a crude bomb on his desk before him. He said:

"I came from Nanking by the night train and arrived about 7 o'clock in the morning. "As I was about 15 feet from the exit of the main hall of the North station of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, firing broke out simultaneously on both sides of me.

"Realising that I was the target of the attack I threw away my white sun helmet which was conspicuous in the gloom of the station hall and ran into the crowd and dodged behind a pillar. Scarcely had I reached the pillar when I heard two bomb explosions and the station was filled with smoke.

"There was confused firing from all sides, to which my bodyguards replied. It was fully five minutes before the station was cleared of all the people in it except the members of my party. At least four assassins were seen by my guards to be firing but there may have been more.

"When the smoke cleared away my secretary, Yu-loo Tang, who was walking abreast of me when the firing started, was found lying on the ground shot in the bladder, hip and arms, bullets having entered his body from both left and right sides. His hat and brief case were riddled. It is a miracle that I escaped unscathed as I towered above him. Tang has since died of his wounds.

"Two of my guards were wounded, one of them very seriously while some of the passengers were injured.

Warnings Received.

"I have received repeated warnings that members of the so-called "Canton" Government would send their agents to take my life, but until now little did I reckon that they would account among their other accomplishments the gentle art of assassination."—*Reuter.*

Ten Assailants.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, July 23.

It appears that Mr. Soong's assailants numbered ten, several of whom were injured when fired on by the Finance Minister's bodyguards. They managed to escape into Chinese territory.

Two bombs were thrown, the first failing to explode, and the second missing its mark.

Tragic Sequel.

Shanghai, July 23.

Madame Soong, mother of Mr. T. V. Soong, died at Tsingtao at noon to-day upon receipt of a false report that her son had been killed in the bomb outrage.

She had been in ill health for some time.—*Reuter.*

Feeding a bear cub at the Zoo. The beverage looks a trifle strong for a youngster.

ALLEGED FORGERY OF CERTIFICATES.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A LOCAL FIRM.

The case in which two Chinese partners in a coal firm are charged with uttering forged certificates of the Government Analyst in connexion with tenders submitted to the Government for the supply of coal, was continued before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. John Lee, a Chinese clerk employed at the Government Laboratory, said that on October 25, 1928, he received from the Li Hing firm a letter referring to Malayan-Borneo Lump coal, with sample submitted, and a certificate, numbered 2702 was issued in this connexion by the Analyst. Triplicate receipts for the accompanying fee were made, one issued to the Li Hing, the second to the Treasurer and the third retained by the Laboratory for filing purposes.

On March 11 of this year he received another sample accompanied by a request from the Company for a copy of Certificate No. 2702. He explained the departmental procedure attendant on such an application, stating that with the particulars already entered in the record book he was able to prepare three copies and to send them all out to the applicants, retaining a pressed copy for the Laboratory.

Words Left Out.

In August, 1928, witness said, referring to another sample of coal, described as "Myle Lump," he prepared a certificate, No. 2120, which was duly signed by Mr. Dovey, and sent copies to the Company. As he did not know the marks he left a space filled with dots instead of entering therein the name of the coal.

The Magistrate referred witness to the fact that in the letter applying for a certificate the words "Myle Lump Coal" was specified, and asked him how he could account for this name and the marks being overlooked.

Witness replied: I must have left that out.

Examined by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (for the defence), witness said he usually attended to these applications for reports and also the sending out of these reports, except when he was sick or away on leave, when someone else attended to these details.

Shown another certificate by Counsel, witness agreed that it also had a line of dots instead of the name of the coal. It was an original certificate.

He agreed that, as often as not, these dots were put in where marks were not available.

Reverting to Certificate No. 2702, issued in respect of a sample submitted as "Malayan Borneo Lump," witness suggested that in the copy, as distinct from the original, the row of dots had been erased and the words "Onoura lump" added. He declared that when it was issued, the copy had not "Onoura lump" on it.

Mr. Jenkin asked for the production of certain letters and other documents at the next hearing.

Certain Erasures.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, in evidence, stated that to see that things sent in were analysed was part of his duty, after which he would sign the certificates prepared from the report of the Assistant Analyst, who did the actual work. He signed these certificates before they were press-copied, and said he felt sure that he did not sign some of the certificates in dispute in the state in which they now were. It was evident that certain erasures had been made in some of the copies, whilst in others certain words were typed on what were originally carbon copies.

The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

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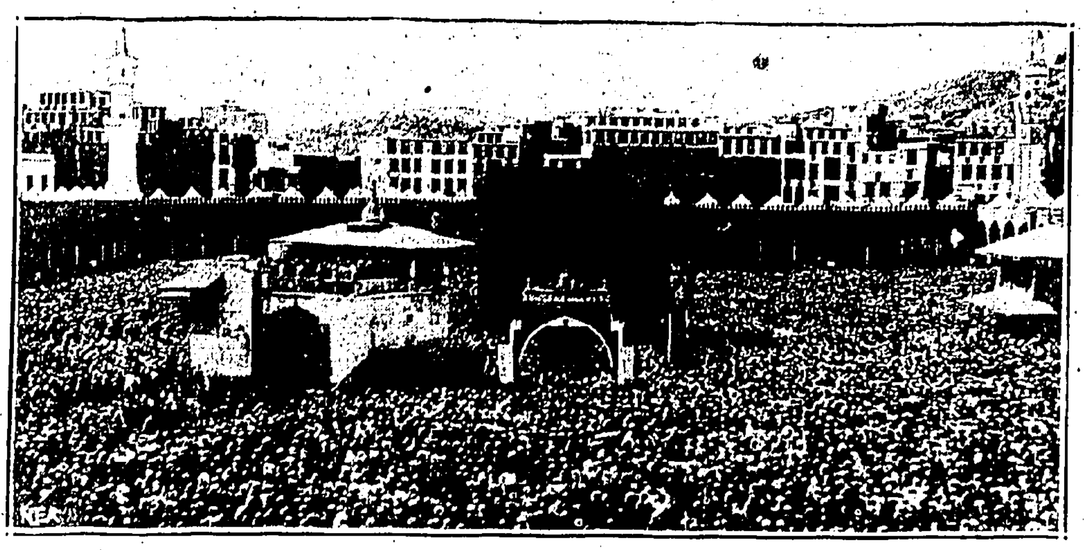

Only in disguise and at the risk of their lives have non-Moslems succeeded in entering the sacred city of Mecca where the famous inner shrine, pictured above is located. The photo was taken under great difficulties. The huge black-looking object in the centre of the enormous crowd is actually the Kaaba, Designated the Houseof Allah.

IRISH POETESS.

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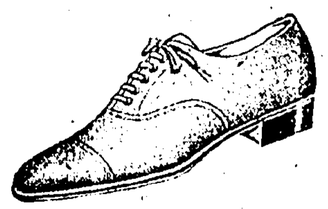

Mackintosh's

The memorial erected in honour of the hundreds of men who lost their lives in the Titanic disaster. It has been placed in the Potomac Parkway.

The arrest of Jacob Factor (top) drew official denial of reports that the Prince of Wales was among his victims. His wife is below.

An American cause celebre is recalled by the above picture showing Mr. and Mrs. Fowler McCormick on their honeymoon a few hours after her divorce from James A. Stillman.

The Melody Girl.

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Beryl Borden, as told in [illegible] Tommy Wilson, delays her elopement with her half-sister, Irene Everett, but tells [illegible] him that it is his duty to finish college.

Irene wants to be a radio singer and is furious when she fails and Beryl succeeds in securing a contract. Beryl is silent about applause and new friends, but she cannot forget her hopeless love though she goes to gay parties with the wealthy Prentiss Gaylord. Irene attempts to win Prentiss' interest when Beryl becomes ill. He is checked by her pose of childish innocence. Irene uses every wile to force him to a declaration, as she has promised to marry Tommy in a week.

Tommy's aunt dies and her husband sells his theatre which leaves Tommy without a job. When Tommy tells Irene this news she breaks their engagement.

Prentiss proposes, and Irene half promises to marry him. She tells Prentiss that Tommy is in love with Beryl when they come home one night and see Tommy waiting on the porch. Irene stays in the car until Tommy leaves and then goes in and tells Beryl she is engaged to Prentiss.

CHAPTER XXVIII

So that was Irene's secret! Beryl was speechless for a moment. Irene engaged to marry Prentiss Gaylord! The younger girl waited for her sister to speak but Beryl only looked at her. Irene wanted Beryl to say something, to show by some sign that she was impressed.

She stirred restlessly, but Beryl seemed not to notice. As a matter of fact she had forgotten Irene, standing there in the doorway. She was thinking of Tommy.

Tommy was free now. And Tommy was broken-hearted!

Beryl sank back on her pillows and closed her eyes.

"Well," Irene said and her voice betrayed her disappointment, "I wanted to tell you in a sisterly way, but you wouldn't have it. So I guess you don't care to hear any more."

Beryl did not answer. After waiting a little longer Irene stalked out of the room and went to rouse her mother and tell her the good news.

They whispered together, paying no attention to Mr. Everett when he said he wished they'd shut up and let him sleep.

Her mother's excitement made up to Irene for Beryl's calm acceptance of her important information. Her self-approval was restored, her ruffled feathers smoothed, and she felt once more like a princess in a fairy tale. One of the good princesses. Let Beryl take the news any way she liked! Mentally Irene turned up her nose at the thought of caring about what Beryl might have to say.

That was because she didn't guess to whom Beryl would chose to express herself.

While Irene discussed with her mother the glory of her new estate Beryl dressed herself and slipped out of the house. She had to go by way of the front porch roof, but she was adept at athletic stunts, so she found sliding down a porch pillar no trouble at all.

She hastened as fast as she could straight to the Hoffman house. There she stood a moment, surveyed its darkened windows and considering a course of action.

Tommy'd had plenty of time to get home. But had he time to get to bed? No, he couldn't have gone to bed, Beryl decided. He wouldn't be wanting sleep. Was he in the house? Most likely he was not. Should she sit down somewhere and wait for him? Then she reflected that if he were inside she might sit there all night and not see him.

She wanted to see him. She was sure that Tommy needed her.

Presently she gathered some small stones and tossed them at his window. There was no response except the sound of the stones as they struck lightly against the glass and then fell back to the ground.

Beryl walked around the house to the kitchen windows. No light there.

Suddenly she shivered. Her feet were wet from the dew-soaked grass, but she did not think of possible consequences to herself. Tommy was somewhere near. It was awfully late for him to be out. Maybe she could get into the house and search for him.

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She would not admit it, but she had a vague fear that Tommy might have come to harm. Or he might have gone away. She seized upon this thought hungrily. It was so much better than thinking that he might have . . . might have . . .

Beryl tried all the outside doors and found them locked. Then in despair she sat down on the front steps and thought about life without Tommy. He might never come back again. There was nothing to hold him to the town.

Presently a finger of pink pointed upward in the eastern sky and Beryl realized that day was dawning. Here she was out on the streets, clothed in beach pyjamas, and all alone. She might even meet the milkman. He knew her, and Beryl had sense enough to understand that he was likely to put a damaging construction upon the incident. She arose and hurried away, keeping to the shadows of the tree-lined streets.

Getting back to her room was not quite so easy as getting away from it had been but she managed, with a goodly tear in her pyjamas and a skinned knee.

Quietly she changed to sweater and skirt, and left the house once more. This time she went out through the kitchen and sat on the back porch. She could not bear to be under a roof closed in by four walls.

It was quiet in the house. Irene must have gone to bed. Beryl could picture her, curled down in the sheets that their mother had tinted pink for her. She would be sleeping. She was going to marry Prentiss Gaylord. She would want to enjoy her dreams. They must be gorgeous dreams, Beryl thought. Filled with rich and costly things. There'd be no room in them for a boy with hurt eyes and a sag in his young shoulders.

It was better out here. The early morning hour belonged to people who wanted to be alone. It belonged to a boy with tears in his heart and a girl with tears in her eyes. The tears ran unchecked down Beryl's cheeks as she lifted her face to the brightening sky. It was a blessed relief not to have to hide her feelings as she would when the family were up and about.

They would not think it strange to find her away. She would leave signs of having breakfasted in the kitchen, and that would allay their suspicions. She frequently went alone on early morning walks.

When it seemed not too early to be abroad Beryl went inside and busied herself for a few minutes in the kitchen. Then she left, without having eaten.

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She returned to the Hoffman house, but she did not linger there. She was convinced Tommy had not spent the night at home.

There was a place, a diner, where some of the boys of Tommy's age hung out, she remembered. She went there, walking by as slowly as she could without attracting attention, but she did not see Tommy within the brightly lighted car.

She started toward the theatre. No, he would not be there now. She did not know where else to look for him. Tommy hadn't been in the habit of frequenting gang hangouts.

Well, she'd have to give it up until she could see his uncle. But she didn't feel like going home. Her mother and Irene would be prattling and bragging of Irene's conquest.

Beryl turned her steps toward the beach, as almost always when her heart was heavy and she wanted complete solitude.

And there, by the rock where she had seen Tommy sitting with Irene on that night so long ago—there she found Tommy.

He was lying on the sand in a heap. Beryl's heart contracted with sharp fear when she saw him, and she rushed forward with a cry. Tommy did not answer. She knelt by him and turned his face toward the morning light.

It was an ugly face. There was nothing of the chiselled fineness that belonged to it at other times. The wood-brown eyes were swollen and red. The good lips hung loose, and the clear skin was mottled. The fair dish-brown hair fell over it in lanky strands which dripped sand as Beryl lifted the head to her lap.

She cried: "Tommy, Tommy, what's the matter with you?" But she knew. It was the first time she had seen him like that, but she knew.

There was nothing much that she could do. Tommy was too stupified to walk and she had nothing to give him. So she just sat there and held his head tenderly in her lap while she scolded him severely.

Tommy did not hear her. Her words made no impression upon his deadened brain, but when she shook him roughly, as she did now and again, he grunted feebly in protest.

She was with him like a mother whose child has endangered its own life and escaped. Tommy's life had been endangered. He had dropped by the rock at low tide.

Beryl looked at the water creeping nearer. "You need a good wetting," she said in insincere harshness. "I should just let you lie here and . . ."

His clothes were a mess anyway. It couldn't do any harm, this new idea of hers, if she carried it out.

She did not stop to think about it, but got up and tugged and dragged at Tommy's inert body until she had it in the water. They both got pretty wet, but she saw to it that Tommy got plenty of the salt water in his face.

It helped, and when the water became dangerously deep around them and Beryl started to drag Tommy out of it he was able to stand up and stagger—propelled by Beryl—to higher ground. There she tormented him with jerking him about and finally—when he seemed about to fall asleep in spite of her efforts to keep him awake—she put both hands in his tangled hair and shook him roughly.

He blinked at her then with a gleam of intelligence in his eyes.

"Tommy, please, come out of it!" Beryl pleaded.

"What's the matter with you?" Tommy mumbled.

Beryl shook him again, harder. "I'll show you, you young idiot!" she cried, the tears of a moment before gone from her voice.

And now the understanding in his eyes had increased. He sat up by himself.

"Listen, Tommy, listen," Beryl entreated him. "I have something to tell you."

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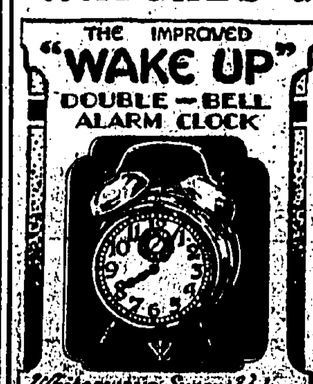

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By order of the Board of Directors,

H. A. RODGERS,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1931.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT:

No. of sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2332.	South of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2157, Ma Tau Wai Road.	As per sale plan				About 9,300	$170	$13,950

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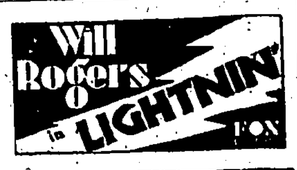

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The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, $2,060 b.
Chartered Bank £14¾ n.
Mercantile A. and B., £20 n.
East Asia $128 b.

Insurances.
Canton Ins., $1435 n.
Union Ins., $555 b.
China Underwriters, $5.55 s.
China Fires, $675 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., $1400 n.

Shipping.
Douglas, $22 b.
H.K. Steamboats, $25 b.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $30 n.
Union Waterboats, $28½ b.

Mining.
Benguets $9.60 b.
Kailuns, 30/– b.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 2 n.
Raubs, $34 b. x. Div.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, $165 s.
Whampoa Docks, $29 n.
South China Motors $10 n.
China Providents, $6.15 s.
Hongkews, Tls. 270 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 111 n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cotton, $14.20 b.
S'hai Cotton Tls. 94½ n.
Zoong Sings Tls. 11 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. & S. Hotels, (old) $16.50 b.
H.K. & S. Hotels (new) $16.10 b.
H.K. Land, $92 sa.
S'hai Land Tls. 38.85 b.
Humphreys, $21.75 b.
Realties, $14.90 b.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, $21.70 b.
Peak Trams, (old) $14 n.
Star Ferries, $94 b.
China Lights, $26 b.
H.K. Electrics, $81¼ b.
Macao Electrics, $23 n.
Telephones, $47 b.
China Buses, Tls. 17.90.
Singapore Tractions, 3/- n.

Industrials.
China Sugars, 65 cts n.
Malabons $39 n.
Canton Ices, $6.90 s.
Cement (comb.) $19¼ b.
Ropes, $22 sa.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, $32 s.
Watson, $16.25 sa.
Der A. Wings, $1 n.
Lane Crawford, $73½ sa.
Mackintosh, $18 n.
Sinceres, $14½ n.
Powells, $4 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, $26½ b.
Amusements, New "B" 23.50 n.
Entertainments $17½ n.
Constructions $12½ s.
B'que In. G. Bonds, 78⅝ b.

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December 1931 28.01 down .09
May 1932 28.21 up .01

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shunghai	Perim	July 24.
Japan	Kamo Maru	July 24.
Sandakan	Tjilliwong	July 25.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	July 25.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, 25th June)	Hosang	July 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai, (San Francisco, 26th June)	Pres. Polk	July 25.
Manila	Pres. Taft	July 25.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kingyuan	July 26.
Amoy	Sirdhana	July 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Yasukuni Maru	July 26.
Amoy	Tjisaroen	July 26.
Java and Manila	Tjisondari	July 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 3rd July)	Pres. Grant	July 27.
Manila	Empress of Asia	July 28.

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Fri., July 24, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongsо	Fri., July 24, 4 p.m.
Haihow and Haiphong	New Mathilde	Fri., July 24, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Hector	Fri., July 24. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kamo Maru	Sat., July 25. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island, 6th August).
Japan and *Victoria B. C.	Tyndareus	Sat., July 25, 10.30 a.m. (Due Victoria B.C., 18th August).
Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg and Manila	Saarbruecken	Sat., July 25, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., July 25, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C. and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Taft	Sat., July 25. Parcels 3.00 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m. (Due Victoria B.C., 11th Aug.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Yasukuni Maru	Sat., July 25. Registration 5.00 p.m. Letters 6.00 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 23rd August.)
Bangkok	Halldor	Sat., July 25, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Polk	Sat., July 25, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., July 26, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., July 26, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., July 27, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow	Tean	Mon., July 27, 3.30 p.m.
Japan and *Canada	Hikawa Maru	Mon., July 27, 5 p.m. (Due Vancouver B. C., 17th Aug.)
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Hikawa Maru	Mon., July 27. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang	Tues., July 28, 8.30 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu and *South American Ports	Heiyo Maru	Tues., July 28, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Tues., July 28, 10.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjisaroen	Tues., July 28, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sirdhana	Tues., July 28. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.

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THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

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instability and the insecurity of the European economic system.

"That historic and inspiring event which has just taken place at Paris—the meeting of the French and German Ministers—will give the London Conference special force and importance. In the presence of the representatives of the assembled Governments, I wish to give expression to my hope that the initial conversation which has just been held in Paris will be but the prelude to a series of similar meetings, which will lead to a policy of Franco-German co-operation, the surest guarantee of security for the world."

Mr. Stimson's Reply.

Mr. Stimson, the American Secretary of State, referring to the Paris meeting of the French and German Ministers, said he was glad to express for the United States their appreciation of the historic consequences of the meeting in the direction of conciliation and the resulting confidence. They felt they had witnessed a great event and looked forward to its progress in effectiveness.

Germany's Hopes.

The German Chancellor, Dr. Bruening, wished to associate himself with M. Laval in hoping the American delegates would take back with them from the conference a recognition of the close inter-relation of the Old and New Worlds and of Europe's need for the moral support of the idealism of the American people.

With regard to the Paris meeting with the French Ministers he said: "I am firmly convinced that confident co-operation between our two countries is urgently necessary and must continue for the future, because in our present situation, where new developments occur almost daily, it is of the utmost importance that statesmen should meet continuously and have intercourse with each other. It is only by confident co-operation that the situation can be improved."

Premier Winds Up.

Signor Grandi, for Italy, and Mr. Matsudaira, for Japan, having joined in the hopes expressed for the results of the conference, the British Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald replied.

He remarked how gratifying to all had been the Paris meeting between the French and Germans, and referred to the growing understanding and co-operation with America.

The economic and spiritual strands which were thrown across frontiers were becoming more numerous and stronger, until at last they would be able to think of humanity and not merely of divided nations. He hoped with all his heart that the conference decisions would re-establish German credit.

Newspaper Interest.

Interest in to-night's papers is about equally divided between the decisions of the Seven Power Conference and the increase this morning of the Bank of England discount rate from 2½ to 3½ per cent. with a view to checking the recent heavy withdrawals of gold.

Short interviews with the delegates are published, in which they express satisfaction at the successful conclusion of their labours.

Some space is given to the postponed visit by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary to Berlin which will not take place till the beginning of next week. It is realised that it is principally a courtesy visit in return for the Germans' week-end at Chequers.

American Statement.

In the course of a long statement on the result of the Seven Power Conference issued in London to-night, Mr. H. L. Stimson expresses confidence that the measures recommended will dispose of the panic which effected the German financial position.

"We believe," he concludes, "it to be probable that once confidence is restored it will be found that Germany will be able to recover her equilibrium on the basis of her own resources, on which assistance will be readily available. But in any event, we have provided the machinery necessary to meet the situation, however it may develop."

No Commons Debate.

Questioned in the Commons regarding an opportunity for a debate on the international situation, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Snowden, in the absence of the Prime Minister, said the House would appreciate the delicacy of the present international financial situation. He did not think it would be in the public interest or in the interest of a successful carrying out of the recommendations of Seven Power Conference that discussions should take place.—*British Wireless.*

SALE OF LIQUOR IN SCOTLAND.

PUBLICATION OF REPORTS BY COMMISSION.

Edinburgh, July 17.

The majority and minority reports of the Commission appointed some time ago to investigate the whole field of legislation relating to the sale and supply of excisable liquor in Scotland and to report whatever legal amendment is desirable in the public interest have just been issued.

Both reports agree that there has been a marked improvement in habits of sobriety in Scotland.

The report signed by the majority of the Commission states that all the evidence heard showed that sobriety in Scotland had increased, that instances of drunkenness in public were growing fewer and that the excessive use of alcohol was being restrained by the increasing growth of public opinion against its use.

Radical Change.

The report further states that there has been a radical change in the mental and moral outlook of the Scotch. Among other causes, this change is attributed to the enormously increased provision which has been made for the younger generation in outdoor pursuits and games and, in particular, to the facilities for easy access to the beauties of the countryside by motor-cars and other means. The high price of liquor is also mentioned as another reason for the increased sobriety of the nation.

The Hon. Lord Alexander MacKay, LL.D., K.C., was Chairman of the Commission.

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Many Pictures For To-morrow.

To-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Art Supplement will once again contain many pictures of topical interest.

In addition to the portraits of a further batch of successful students at the Trinity College of Music examination, there will be several pictures of H. E. the Governor's visit to Cheung Chau, as well as a fine aerial photograph of the western district of Hongkong.

Other local pictures will include the prize-giving of the Tai Tung College, and players in the volleyball match between the Canton Government Girls' Normal Institute and the S.C.A.A.

Some striking pictures of a huge independence demonstration at Manila will also be given, as well as illustrations of Peking's magnificent National Library.

SISTER'S STORY AT INQUEST.

BODY FOUND IN RIVER.

Southampton, June 20.

An inquest was opened here to-day on Mrs. Annie Daisy Oliver, aged 44, who was found dead in the river.

Mrs. Nellie Lee, a sister of the dead woman, of Burgess-road, Southampton, said that Mrs. Oliver and her husband arrived on a visit on June 1. Mrs. Oliver appeared to be ill, but a doctor said that she was only run down. She disappeared on June 6.

"Three days later," she continued, "Mr. Oliver came into the house. He appeared to be either mad or drunk. I advised him to have a little cocoa and get to bed. He said, 'You think you know a lot. I know everything.'

"I did not know what he was referring to. He got hold of my throat and said, 'The police will have to wring it out of me or cut my tongue out. I will never tell them, and when I see her corpse I will follow her.'"

Dr. P. M. Roberts, police surgeon, said death was due to drowning.

The Coroner (Mr. Emanuel): Would it be possible to find out by a postmortem examination whether the woman had been throttled?—I think it might be.

Mr. Emanuel adjourned the inquest for inquiries.

TRIED TO JUMP ON MOVING BUS.

MAN RECEIVES NASTY INJURIES.

A rather nasty accident occurred at the junction of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road Central shortly after the tiffin hour yesterday when a Chinese in trying to board a University bus missed his footing and was run over by the vehicle.

With the "Bus Full" sign displayed, the bus was bound for the University and on passing Union Building a man named Fung Yuk-fu, of 141, Caine Road, attempted to jump on board. He missed his footing and was dragged for several yards before he fell to the ground.

It is stated that the rear wheel passed over his legs but that he refused to go to hospital for treatment, being later taken to his residence.

NANKING'S CYNICISM.

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and vindicate national honour can be taken on other lines. At the disposal of the British Government are experts competent to indicate and enforce such measures. It is sufficient therefore to insist that the test of the efficacy of the new instruments should be instantly applied. It should be stated in the most unequivocal terms that the British community in China— and the British nation too, unless the indications are sorely in error—will not accept the plaintive query "What can we do?" Something can be done; it is the job of the diplomatist and the statesman behind him to know what that is and to act accordingly. Patience and friendly remonstrance have had their way and have achieved nothing. The next step must be different.

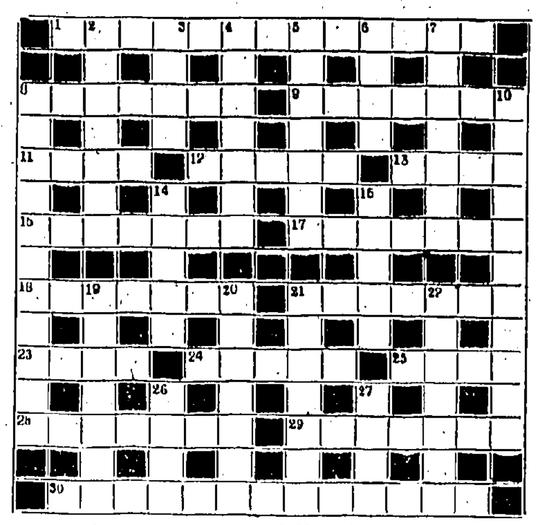
CIVIL MUNICIPAL AERODROMES.

SEVEN SCHEMES APPROVED IN YEAR.

London, July 23.

In the House of Commons, in answer to a question, Miss Margaret Bondfield, Labour Minister, stated that the Unemployment Grants Committee had approved in the last twelve months scheme for new Civil Municipal Aerodromes in Bristol, Cardiff, Hull, Norwich, Plymouth Portsmouth and Stoke-on-Trent.—*British Wireless.*

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

1 A style of English architecture.
8 Have a go, then throw, little goose!
9 This despicable fellow is finished with cross words.
11 Moulding from a Yankee ejaculation.
12 "Am I the man who has ever kissed you?" "Of course! Why do all men ask the same question?"
13 If it's in this it's hopeless.
16 A charge possibly that made by the first for the second, though surely a green-grocer would make no charge for one only.
17 See, after a preliminary dip, mother finishes the State document.
18 The sheep and "Buttons" spell trouble.
21 Hunt for this: it's quite a game.
23 Bar business in these for profit.
24 Here we see the greatest of all races.
25 A humble Indian peasant who may be made a good Tory.
28 If this one depends on what she picks up for a living, she is likely to become herself minus a head.
29 Quite a swell affair.
30 "Can it stop gore?" That would be to prophesy (anag.).

Down

2 Here we see a flower in Oriental surroundings.
3 Part of the equipment of Jack and his lady friend which sounds descriptive of their probable appearance after the contretemps.
4 Scarcely court dress.
5 Boxed in.
6 The basis of the multiplication tables.
7 Musical term. Put it in the middle.
8 Quite an everyday remark—(two words).
10 This is essential.
14 Read this up or down to find the lady.
15 Spring is nearly here—meanwhile we have to put up with the presence of a bumptious sort of fellow.
19 Frequently lends the van on the Continent—although it finishes here in a way.
20 Anyone can take part in this—for making baskets.
21 Though before tea, anyone can also take this—at anytime.
22 How they send to Conventry in Ireland.
26 This must have risen because it's gone up.
27 This shepherd's garment lacks a tail.

Yesterday's Solution

C	U	R	T	A	I	L	■	S	H	O	R	T	E	N
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STICKERS

THROUGH THE ●●●●●, THROUGH THE VALES,
SOFTLY COO THE DOVES;
BUT ●●●●●● BLOW THE VERNAL GALES
THAT ●●●●●● YOUTHFUL LOVES.

Three six-letter words, all composed of the same letters, are missing from the above verse. Can you supply them? 15

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended July 29th, 1910.

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The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9⅝d.

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The Scouts Company of the Volunteer Defence Corps was created, largely through the instrumentality of Mr. C. H. Ross.

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The establishment of an ambulance service for the Colony was announced. Hands ambulances were stationed at various points in the city.

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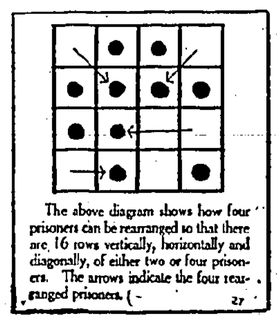
Mr. C. N. Beckwith, Assistant Harbour Master, was permitted by the Admiralty to retire from the active list of the Royal Navy on pension, and to assume the rank of Commander.

Yesterday's Solution



The above diagram shows how four prisoners can be rearranged so that there are 16 rows vertically, horizontally and diagonally, of either two or four prisoners. The arrows indicate the four rearranged prisoners. 27

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 1932 7/–¼ down ¼d.
May 1932 7/2½ no change.
August 1932 7/5¼ no change.
December 1931 6/9¼ down ¼d.

New York Terminals.

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July 1931 1.50 no change.
September 1931 1.44 down 3 pts.
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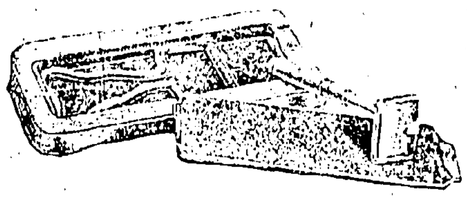

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DEATH.

POOLE.—On July 15, 1931, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Michael Gebhart, aged 10 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Poole, Holts Wharf.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1931.

THE OPTIMIST.

In one of our news headings yesterday, we implied that Lord Parmoor was a trifle over-optimistic when he expressed the view that no more *mui-tsai* would be brought into Hongkong and hoped that the system would shortly die out and be superseded by the ordinary rules of free domestic service. Another of his observations was that all suggestion of a servile status in respect of these girl servants had now been removed. These remarks illustrate the danger of accepting facts merely at their face value. It is true, of course, that the law prohibits further *mui-tsai* from coming into the Colony, and that the law also lays down that *mui-tsai* are not the property of their employers. So far, so good. But does anyone acquainted with the facts for a moment think that *mui-tsai* are not almost daily brought into Hongkong, or that the real status of many of the girl servants already here has been changed merely because the law says they are free? Of course not; yet that is precisely the impression which Lord Parmoor has given to the House of Lords and the British public generally. Admittedly, his reading of the situation squares with what the law intends, but, as we all know, it is one thing to pass a law, and quite another to enforce its provisions.

In saying so much, we are in no way allying ourselves with those who, without any real knowledge of the problem, lose no opportunity of villifying the name of Hongkong. In matters such as these, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. But we have been, and shall remain, consistently opposed to the *mui-tsai* system, because we believe it to contain a sufficiency of the element of slavery as to be repugnant to British ideas. We have little patience with those who defend the system, the good points of which are more than offset by the scope which it gives for denial of the rights of the liberty of the subject. The fact that the victims of the system are children serves to emphasise the objections to its basic principles. The time, however, is long past for defending the system: there is general agreement now that it should be wiped out. The difficulties are immense, admittedly, but that very fact should point the need for rigorous action for its suppression. It is pleasing to reflect that in the last two years there has been a greater concentration on the problem than ever before in the history of the Colony. That fact is attested by the frequent prosecutions which are undertaken. But, even so, much remains to be done. The law as it stands is good; but it needs even more stringent enforcement if any real impression is to be made.

The seconding of a police officer specially for *mui-tsai* work is a step in the right direction, but it does not go nearly far enough. One man obviously cannot cope with the situation, work as hard as he may. There are, first of all, the large number of *mui-tsai* already in the Colony to be taken into account. How many of these know their real status? What measures are taken to acquaint them of it? Then there is the constant going and coming as between this Colony and China Proper. What steps are taken to check the arrival of new *mui-tsai*? Here, again, one man cannot possibly handle the situation. If the real aim of the Government is to suppress the system once and for all, and to see that no girl servants are employed except under "the ordinary rules of free domestic service," very much more will need to be done. Nothing short of house-to-house inspection and a vigilant check on newcomers will suffice. The sincerity of the Imperial and local authorities must be judged by the measure of the success achieved, and not merely by citing the provisions of a really excellent law which remains very largely unenforced.

The "Dole" Bill.

The Government's Bill for removing certain "dole" abuses—euphemistically referred to as anomalies—exposes itself to two very obvious criticisms. The main point of attack is, of course, the fact that the proposals touch only the fringe of the recommendations of the Royal Commission, the Prime Minister having explained that action upon the remainder must be postponed until the Commission has presented its final report. The Commission made suggestions which would have resulted in a saving to the country of about £24,000,000 in a full year. The Government's Bill will save only £5,000,000 at the outside. How Mr. Snowden views the situation, he does not disclose, but it is obvious that the delay, in the present state of the country's finances—another £11,000,000 disappears with the moratorium—is a serious matter. The other point of criticism is that the form of machinery decided upon, the setting up of an Advisory Committee, itself implies delay, though there seems no reason why the Government should wait until the Bill has received the Royal Assent before proceeding to nomination of the personnel. On the other side, there is much to be said to the credit of the Government. It takes no little courage to make a serious attempt to reduce expenditure on unemployment insurance or "doles". And it is likely to be even less popular coming from a Labour Government. In the particular cases with which the Bill is concerned, the scheme is fairly comprehensive. The Minister of Labour is armed with strong powers to attack the three greatest abuses—the short time and seasonal workers, the married women who would not take employment even were it offered to them, and the case of workers in receipt of extended benefits who can afford to do without them. To this extent, in a limited sphere, the Government is to be congratulated. And as they appear to have enlisted the support of the Trade Union Congress, it would seem they have accomplished something worth while.

DAY BY DAY

THE MORE NUMEROUS GOVERNTAL INTERVENTIONS BECOME, THE MORE CONFIRMED DOES THIS HABIT OF THOUGHT GROW, AND THE MORE LOUD AND PERPETUAL THE DEMANDS FOR INTERVENTION.—*Herbert Spencer.*

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A Chinese case of typhoid was notified yesterday.

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The E. and A. liner Nellore is due in Hongkong from Japan on Monday morning.

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Injured during blasting operations near Prince Edward Road on Thursday, Li Kan, aged 28, a stonebreaker of 44, Mongkok Road, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment. His condition is not considered serious.

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A young married woman of 32, Portland Street, Ho Lang-ying was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday suffering from an overdose of opium, stated to have been self-administered. Her condition is not serious.

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On a charge of being in possession of 47 taels of prepared opium near the Central Market, a Chinese member of the crew of the s.s. Venezia was fined $5,000 or twelve months' hard labour by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning. It was stated that the opium was tied around the man's legs.

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A report has been made to the police by Mr. C. M. Hall, proprietor of the Caravan Curio Shop of the Peninsula Hotel, to the effect that some time between 4 and 5 p.m. on Wednesday someone stole a ring valued at $250 from a tray in the shop. A Chinese couple who were in the shop at about that time are suspected.

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A successful open air whist drive was held at the Kowloon Football Club on Wednesday. The prize-winners were: Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Holland; 2nd, Mrs. Stokes (after a tie with Mrs. McKelvie); booby, Miss Brown. Gentlemen, 1st, Mr. Goodman; 2nd, Mr. A. MacCallum; booby, Mr. Mitchell. The next drive is to be held on Wednesday, August 5.

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After a long illness, Mrs. Anna Wasserman, a Russian resident, died in the Matilda Hospital on Wednesday and was buried yesterday. She came from Shanghai a few months ago, and was not very widely known in the Colony. Her husband is in Shanghai. At the funeral at Happy Valley yesterday, Rev. E. G. Powell, of the Union Church, conducted the service.

WATER LEVELS.

DETAILS FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

	July 22	July 23
West River at Shiuhing	32.5	30.6
North River at Samshui	10.4	9.6
North River at Tsingyuen	20.6	19.6
East River at Sheklung	7.3	6.4

The highest levels recorded are: Shiuhing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

WILL BRITAIN WIN THE DAVIS CUP?

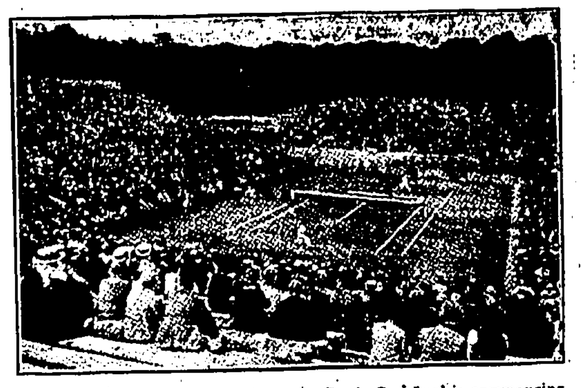
(By "NETCORD.")

IT was nineteen years ago, or, to be more precise, between November 28th and 30th, 1912, at Melbourne, when Britain, then styled the British Isles, last won the Davis Cup, the trophy of the premier international tennis tournament, which grows in importance and popularity as the years succeed each other.

Since that time, the Mother country has been represented only twice in the Challenge Round. The first occasion was in 1913, when as holder, she lost to America on the famous Wimbledon enclosure, this marking the first American success in the tournament since 1902, and the second in 1919, when the contest was restarted after the war. On that occasion she lost to Australasia.

Bold Challengers.

Since 1919, America and France have so completely monopolised the trophy, as to make the ordinary interested observer seriously suggest that the two countries had obtained a world's copyright



The Stade Roland Garros where the Davis Cup final is commencing to-day.

reserve on it. For nearly twenty years, (excluding the war period), the leading critics, the most ardent followers of the game of tennis, and even those who have no interest in the game apart from reading of the achievements of its various leading exponents, have risen, and with one voice have, in turn, denounced English tennis as "dead", have then pronounced its resurrection; then sobered their tone to one of detailed analysis without relying on traditions and past performances for its foundation and have now reached the stage of openly and enthusiastically declaring that England is once again to be considered among the leading nations in the present day world of tennis.

To-day, on the Stade Roland Garros courts in Paris, Britain will be given her greatest chance to vindicate this enthusiastic claim, for her representatives meet France in the Challenge Round of the 1931 Davis Cup contest, for right of holding the trophy for the next twelve months.

Topsy-Turvy Form.

In weighing up the possibilities and the chances of success or defeat, one very striking point has to be taken into consideration: it is the paradoxical form displayed this summer by all the players appearing in this vital match. Probably never before has such topsy-turvy form been displayed by the world's premier players, and when taken into account, leaves one with the feeling that absolutely anything might happen. Cochet went to Wimbledon to lose in the first round to Nigel Sharpe; Borotra has already beaten and been defeated by Austen and Perry. This goes at least to show that no longer is France so far ahead of Britain as to leave her with very bare chances of success. The teams will take the courts to-day on equal playing terms and with a slight moral pull in favour of the challengers.

If one takes into consideration the recent Wimbledon displays, and adds a remembrance of Britain's magnificent win over America in the Inter-Zone final, the odds are distinctly in favour of Britain. Of the singles players, F. J. Parry, H. W. Austen and Jean Borotra reached the last eight in the Wimbledon tournament, and the last two were respectively beaten by the Americans in the semi-finals. G. P. Hughes and F. J. Perry, England's Davis Cup pair were "outed" at Wimbledon by Lott and Van Ryn, who in turn defeated the French couple, Cochet and Brugnon in the final.

Then, to confound all the critics, who claimed, and justly so, that America had proved herself well nigh invincible, Austen defeated both Frank Shields and Sydney Wood, the Wimbledon finalists, in the Inter-Zone match, and Perry overcame Wood, to give England a magnificent entry into the challenge round. And it is upon this remarkable achievement, and the moral effect it is bound to have, both upon Britain's young representatives, and their French opponents, that Britain will enter the arena to-day with the optimistic confidence of the major part of the tennis world behind her.

The Players Analysed.

From this distance, any attempt at analysis of the players, is extremely difficult. One reads of their progress or decline, and with whatever first hand knowledge one might possess, endeavours to form conclusions. But there are certain points which "stick out a mile," and upon which one may justifiably arrive at impressions concerning the players.

Austen, although a partial failure at Wimbledon, vindicated himself in such a manner in Paris last week, as to convince one that, given the occasion, he is capable of beating anybody. Thus, though not because of this alone, can one view his match with Henri Cochet with a certain amount of equanimity and optimism. Cochet is not the force he was twelve months ago. He is still suffering the effects of a serious illness—an indisposition which kept him from a grass court right up to within a week of his meeting with, and defeat by, Nigel Sharpe.

But even if he proves himself good enough to beat Austen, which is quite probable, I honestly think he will find Fred Perry too thorny a path to negotiate. Perry has cultivated that which the "old 'uns" have been crying out was a feature lacking in English tennis of recent years: He has learnt the secret of sustained attack, plus the will to win, plus personality. These three characteristics are going to make Perry a world-beater, and I feel confident are going to be the means of a great triumph for Britain during the next two days.

Borotra the Complex.

When we come to consider Borotra, it is with the realisation

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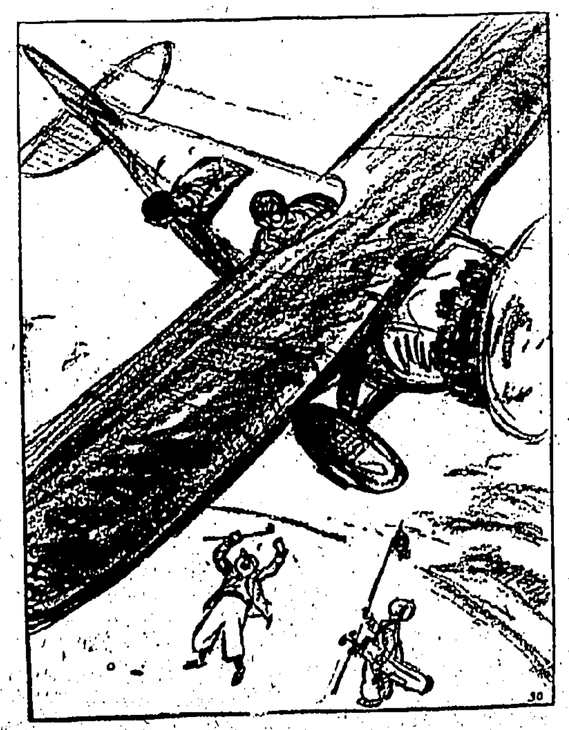


"That's one you owe me, Bill. He missed that putt."

TENSION PERSISTS IN NORTH.

MUKDEN LEADER ALIVE TO SITUATION.

PLANES DESPATCHED.

Peking, July 24.

Fully alive to the possibilities of discontented Northern commanders conspiring with General Shih Yu-shan in a revolt against the Central Government, General Chang Hsueh-liang has dispatched twelve bombing planes and a number of Russian pilots to Paotingfu. Five other planes have been ordered to leave for Paotingfu together with a large consignment of ammunition.

The central figure in the northern revolt, General Shih Yu-shan, has arrived at Shihchiachuang, and is quoted as saying that he has telegraphed to General Wan Fu-lin, the Civil Governor of Kirin, saying he has no desire for war with the Manchurian forces. Observers consider that the Manchurian Government will not accept General Shih's pledge considering that during the Nanking-Shansi war last year he changed his allegiance no fewer than three times.

The Manchurian Government is expected at any moment to announce the decision to organise an expedition against General Shih.

Considerable significance is attached to a Chinese report that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan is actively connected with the revolt of General Shih and has asked his former ally, Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, to return to Shansi and mobilise his troops.

Some of the Northern commanders who are alleged to be among the signatories of General Shih's declaration of independence have since telegraphed to the Manchurian Military Command repudiating the connexions.

The Military Governor of Shantung, General Han Fu-chu, who previously served under the Kuominchun banner with General Shih prior to the Nanking-Shansi war, has made no indication of his attitude. General Han has sent a representative to interview Marshal Chiang Kai-shek at Kiangsi to report on the Northern situation. *Reuter.*

CANTON OFFICIAL CHARGED.

WHAMPOA ACADEMY TREASURER.

A young Chinese, who gave his name as Yu Shek-man, and was described as being the Treasurer of the Whampoa Military Academy, was the subject of extradition proceedings before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning. He is accused of embezzling the Academy's funds amounting to $9,000.

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds informed the Court that the accused had waived extradition proceedings and had undertaken to return to Canton on the boat sailing to-night to answer the charge before the authorities there.

This was confirmed by the accused when questioned by the Magistrate. He was accordingly discharged from the jurisdiction of the Court.

LORD IRWIN HONOURED.

SAYS TESTING TIME IS COMING.

London, July 23.

Lord Irwin, until recently Viceroy of India, was presented with the Honorary Freedom of the County Borough of Doncaster today.

He said the next few months, with the re-assembly of the Round Table conference, would be a testing time for British and Indian statesmanship and would show whether there was enough common sense and imagination in India and in Great Britain to allow them to find a solution of the Indian problem.—*British Wireless.*

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY.

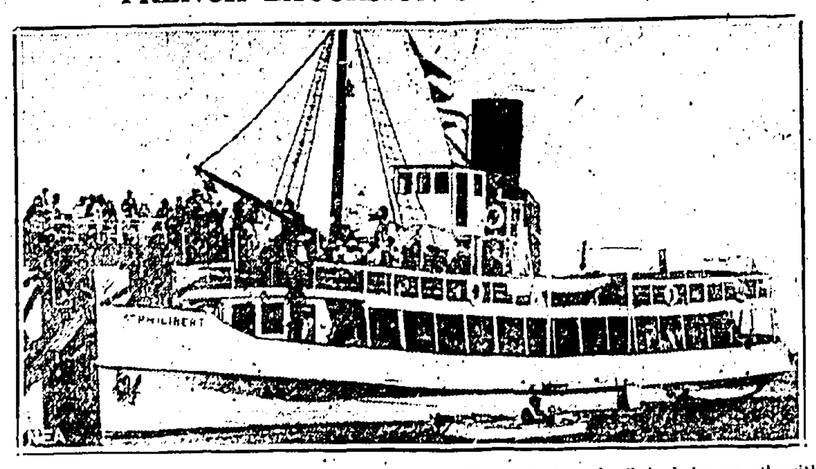
CONFERENCE DELEGATES ATTEND.

London, July 23.

The King and Queen gave a garden party at Buckingham Palace this afternoon.

There were 10,000 guests and invitations had been specially issued to the foreign representatives attending the Seven-Power Conference, with several of whom His Majesty conversed.—*British Wireless.*

FRENCH EXCURSION SHIP DISASTER.



Our photo shows the little French steamer St. Philibert which sank off the Loire recently with a loss of 400 lives. The craft was little more than a large-sized tug. She was at the dock preparatory to starting her ill-fated excursion trip when the picture was taken.

WILL ROGERS AT IT AGAIN.

COST OF ARRANGING DEBT DELAY.

Santa Monica, July 22.

Will Rogers, the well known humorist and film actor, spoiled some wisecracks on topical events to-day, saying:

"Our two finest race horses seem to have taken up the same racket as our prize fighters and wrestlers. Any win this time, and I'll win the next, let's take it easy and look at the dough we earn'ed."

"If Mr Hoover wanted to call a Cabinet meeting nowadays he would have to hold it in Europe, he is the only member in the United States."

"If we had not donated to help the price of our long distance telephone and cable calls, they wouldn't have needed any more help from us."

"Clarence Mackay has made enough on Al already to marry a prima donna."

BOY CHASTISED BY GUARDIAN.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT FAILS.

A man named Man Woon was charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with having assaulted a boy, Tsang Sik-pui, who was in his charge and under his control.

The accused said the boy's father placed the boy in his charge, and he thrashed him with a bamboo because he had run away from home.

The boy, who was in Court, bared his back, on which were a number of weals produced by the cane. A medical report was handed in by the police sergeant, but it testified that the wounds were not serious, and the skin had not been broken.

Mr. Fraser discharged the accused, after remarking that he had the proper custody of the boy and had punished him for an offence, the nature of the punishment not being too severe to justify a charge against the accused.

MR. EUGENE CHEN UNPOPULAR.

INCIDENT ON ARRIVAL IN JAPAN.

Shanghai, July 24.

A rowdy incident occurred on board the Kitano Maru on Wednesday on the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chen, when members of the Tokyo Branch of the Kuomintang forced their way into the cabin of the Canton Foreign Minister, with whom they demanded an audience.

They were dispersed after their request had been refused.

On the same day, pamphlets denouncing Mr. Eugene Chen appeared at Nagasaki.—*Reuter.*

THE DEPRESSION IN CUBA.

2,000 CHINESE TO BE REPATRIATED.

Havana, July 23.

Two thousand Chinese living in Cuba will be returned to China in the next two months according to the officials of the Chinese Legation.

The move is the result of the continued economic difficulties, from which the Chinese are among the biggest sufferers. The Legation is paying the homeward passages of those desiring repatriation. — *Reuter's American Service.*

The scene of the disaster. An air view of the Loire Estuary showing the point (right background) off which the St. Philibert foundered and in the foreground St. Nazaire lighthouse which gave the alarm.

SNATCHER WELL PUNISHED.

GAOL AND A BIRCHING ORDERED.

Admitting a charge of snatching a gold and jade necklace from a Chinese girl near the Shektong Tsui Market, West Point, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning was sentenced to six months' hard labour and fifteen strokes of the birch.

According to Detective Sergeant Kinnear, the girl was on her way to one of the restaurants at 11 p.m. when the defendant, approaching from behind, snatched the necklace and ran away. The alarm was raised and a Chinese constable on duty gave chase, arresting the defendant after the necklace had been discarded. However, it was subsequently recovered.

It was stated that the necklace was valued at $41.

PREACHES FOR TWENTY HOURS.

HEAVY SLEEPING DRAUGHT.

Chalk up a record for long-winded speakers. Dr. A. M. Futterer of Los Angeles is now the undisputed champion marathon preacher, with a record of 20 hours of continuous speech from the pulpit of his church. Beginning at 6 a. m., his sermon lasted until 2 a. m. the following morning. The former record was 12 hours and 10 minutes, held by Rev. C. Z. Brown of Washington.

Dr. Futterer

MEXICAN CURRENCY PROBLEMS.

CALLES APPOINTED BANK GOVERNOR.

Mexico City, July 22.

General Calles, former President of Mexico, was to-day appointed Governor of the Bank of Mexico with almost dictatorial Powers, according to *La Prensa.*

Calles has been empowered to take any steps necessary to solve Mexico's financial crisis. This again is expected to be along the line of rehabilitation of silver.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that a depression is shown South-west of Shanghai, moving east.

WILL BRITAIN WIN THE DAVIS CUP?

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that he is probably the most complex character gracing the international tennis courts of today. His game is a combination of deep science, terrific personality, great showmanship, and a completely care-free philosophy. That is why he is the hardest man in the world to beat, and the most likely to beat himself. Volleying and faultless overhead work is the Basque's forte, and much depends on whether Austen and Perry can keep him away from the net, and so take the sting out of his play.

The doubles, always regarded as the crucial match in a Davis Cup tie, is bound to be spectacular, and there is every likelihood that it will go the whole five sets. Britain will doubtless rely on G. P. Hughes and F. J. Perry, though H. Kingsley is pretty certain to the present in case of accidents, while if Cochet is fit enough, he will most certainly team up with Brugnon. Perry and Hughes may not be regarded as quite such a brilliant pair as Dr. Gregory and L. G. Collins, but they have proved themselves to be sound in tactics and play with excellent understanding. It is not likely they will allow the thought of meeting one of the world's finest pairs, to overawe them, and they have an excellent chance of winning, though the balance of favour rests with the Frenchmen, whose companionship has gained them world-wide honours. France should just about win the doubles match, but I think England will repeat her Inter-Zone performance, and win the tie with the singles.

England's Turn Now.

Like most annual competitions spread over a number of years, the winning of the Davis Cup has gone round in circles, and if the law of averages has anything to do with the 1931 Challenge match, then Britain should win. Take the following interesting figures. America won the trophy in its first year of offering, 1900. She won it again in 1902, and had no further success for eleven years. The British Isles held it for four years in succession (1903-07), before conceding it to Australisia, who also retained it for four years. Britain recaptured it in 1912, lost it the next year to America, who in turn had to hand it over to Australasia.

Then came the war period, after which America returned to engrave her name once again on the blackwood bowl, but this time for seven successive years. France numbered herself among the winners in 1927 for the first time since her entry to the competition in 1904, and has been the holder since. Thus we find that it took America eleven years to regain what she had lost, while France had to wait nineteen years to obtain what she now holds. Britain has been without the trophy for a similar period, and as I said before, if the law of averages is to be taken into account, then Britain's name should be the next engraving on the Dwight Davis Cup.

Probable Programmes.

But win or lose, England's youthful team is certain to give a magnificent account of itself, and France will only win on her merits. Upon Austen, Perry and Hughes rests the future status of Britain in international tennis, and France is going to be called upon to give her greatest display of recent years, if she is to prevent her challengers from placing Britain in the position in the world of tennis, which she held two decades ago.

The official pairings have now been divulged and to-day's matches will be as follows:

H. Cochet (France) v. H. W. Austen (Britain).
J. Borotra (France) v. F. J. Perry (Britain).

On Saturday, the doubles match will be played, and unless a definite result has been reached when that is finished, the remaining two singles will be contested. The programme will be:—

H. Cochet & J. Brugnon (France) v. G. P. Hughes & F. J. Perry (Britain).
J. Borotra (France) v. H. W. Austen (Britain).
H. Cochet (France) v. F. J. Perry (Britain).

RADIO BROADCAST

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To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7.00-10.30 p.m. European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.

7.05-7.31 p.m. Band Music.

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The Shamrock-Irish Selection (arr. Myddleton).
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
9102, 9221, and 9246.

7.31-8.00 p.m. Variety.

Vocal Duet-Lido Lady-Here In My Arms.
Phyllis Dare and Jack Hulbert. 4226.
Trio-Dreamy Rocky Mountain Moon.
Roy Smeck Hawaiian Trio. 2391-D.
Song-Would you Like to Take a Walk.
Greta Keller (Contralto). MR319.
Song-Here Comes the Sun.
Billy Elliott (Baritone). MR284.
Xylophone Solo-Minuet.
Marimba Solo-Aloha Oe.
Rudy Starita. 1782.
Vocal Duet-Mercenary Mary-I'm a Little Bit Fonder of You.
Peggy O'Neil and A. W. Baskcomb.
Song-Mercenary Mary-They Still Look Good to Me.
Lew Hearn and Chorus. 3808.
8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.05-8.25 p.m. Operatic.

Octet-Maritana-Scenes That are Brightest (Wallace arr. Sear).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9107.
Song-Il Trovatore-D'Amor Sull' Ali Rosee (Verdi).
Eva Turner (Soprano). L2156.
'Cello Solo-The Meistersingers-Prize Song (Wagner arr. Squire).
W. H. Squire. L2186.
Vocal Trio-Rigoletto-Prelude and Duke's Song (Verdi).
Maria Gentile, Alessandro Granda and Carlo Galeffi. L2310.

8.25-9.00 p.m. Instrumental.

Organ Solo-At The Temple Gates (Sellars).
Gatty Sellars. DB392.
Piano Solo-Gnadenreigen (Liszt).
Piano Solo-Waldesrauschen (Liszt).
Leff Pouishnoff. 2053D.
Violin Solo-Liebesleid (Kreisler).
Violin Solo-Zapateado (Sarasate).
Efrem Zimbalist. 9650.
Octet-Baby's Sweetheart (Corri).
Octet-Chanson (In Love) (Friml).
The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 3897.
'Cello Solo-Salut D'Amour (Elgar).
'Cello Solo-Handel's "Largo" (Handel).
Giuseppe Di Silva. 1478R.

9.00-10.30 p.m. From the Studio.

European Studio Concert-Programme.

Songs.
a. From The Land of the Sky Blue Water (Cadman).
b. I Hear A Thrush At Eve (Cadman).
Mrs. R. Sanger (Soprano) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

Songs.
a. Il Pescatore Canta (Tosti).
b. Mattinata (Leoncavallo).
Mr. Li Chor Chi (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

Pianoforte Duet.
Two Spanish Dances (Moskowski).
Mrs. Shand and Miss Luba Pecker.

Songs.
a. My Dear Soul (Sanderson).
b. Vale (Russell).
Mrs. H. L. Lockhart (Contralto) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

Vocal Quartet.
a. Rest Dearest Rest (F. Kucken)
b. Softly Fall The Shades of Evening (J. L. Hatten).
The "Four B's" unaccompanied.

Songs.
a. Sylvia (Oley Speaks).
b. At Dawning (Cadman).
Mrs. R. Sanger (Soprano) accompanied by Mr. Geo. Grimble.

Songs.
a. "La Maison Grise" from "Fortimio" (Messager).
b. "Obstination" (de Fontenailles).
Mr. Li Chor Chi (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. Geo. Grimble.

Pianoforte Duet.
Two Hungarian Dances (Brahms).
Mrs. Shand and Miss Luba Pecker.

Songs.
a. I Love You Truly (Carrie Jacobs-Bond).
b. Just a 'wearin' for You (Carrie Jacobs-Bond).
Mrs. L. H. Lockhart (Contralto) accompanied by Mr. Geo. Grimble.

Vocal Quartet.
a. Bonnie Charlie.
b. Land o' the Leal.
arranged R. Baldwin.
The "Four B's" unaccompanied.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.33 p.m. Close Down.

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MR. A. O. BRAWN DROPS OUT.

ELIMINATED FROM BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Yet another old and experienced lawn bowler has fallen before a comparatively young player in the open lawn bowls championship, this being A. O. Brawn who has been beaten in the first round by D. Rumjahn. The match was played on the Civil Service green on Wednesday and resulted in the Craigengower player getting the necessary 21 with his opponent's score standing at 17.

The full scores were:

A. O. Brawn			D. Rumjahn.	
Heads	Shots	Total	Shots	Total
1	..	..	1	1
2	..	..	1	2
3	2	2	..	2
4	..	2	2	4
5	..	2	1	5
6	1	3	..	5
7	2	5	..	5
8	1	6	..	5
9	..	6	2	7
10	..	6	1	8
11	..	6	1	9
12	..	6	2	11
13	2	8	..	11
14	..	8	3	14
15	2	10	..	14
16	..	10	1	15
17	1	11	..	15
18	1	12	..	15
19	2	14	..	15
20	2	16	..	15
21	..	16	1	16
22	..	16	1	17
23	1	17	..	17
24	..	17	2	19
25	..	17	1	20
26	..	17	2	22

SPEY CUP MATCH.

Full Scores of the K.C.C. v. Yacht Club Contest.

The full scores of the match between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Yacht Club in the preliminary round of the Spey Royal Cup Competition show that the Yacht Club, who were beaten by 28 shots to 10, had the lead from the first head to the fifth, but after Kowloon scored three on the sixth the nearest the yachtsmen ever got to the winners was a deficit of one shot on the tenth when the score was 8-7. The full scores are appended:

Kowloon C. C.			Yacht Club.	
Heads	Shot	Total	Shots	Total
1	..	..	1	1
2	..	..	1	2
3	..	..	1	3
4	1	1	..	3
5	1	2	..	3
6	2	4	..	3
7	1	6	..	3
8	..	6	2	5
9	2	8	..	5
10	..	8	2	7
11	4	12	..	7
12	3	15	..	7
13	..	15	1	8
14	1	16	..	8
15	1	17	..	8
16	..	17	..	9
17	3	20	..	9
18	3	23	..	9
19	..	23	1	10
20	2	25	..	10
21	3	28	..	10

Recreio Teams for Saturday.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio in their lawn bowls matches on Saturday:

1st Team versus Kowloon Bowling Green Club at K.B.G.C. at 3.30 p.m.—A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza, C. G. Silva (skip); Dr. R. A. C. Basto, C. A. Lopes, A. H. Basto, R. F. Luz (skip); C. H. Basto, J. M. S. Rosario, C. E. Marques, L. A. Gutierrez (skip).

2nd. Team versus Kowloon Bowling Green at C. de Rec. at 3.30 p.m.—H. Rozario, A. E. S. Alves, A. V. Barros, J. G. Ozorio (skip); E. L. Barros, E. M. Remedios, H. A. Alves, A. C. V. Ribeiro (skip); J. M. M. Alves, J. J. Basto, F. V. Ribeiro, F. X. M. Silva (skip).

VOLUNTEER AQUATIC SPORTS.

AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME FOR SATURDAY.

A most attractive programme, with the promise of some fine sport, has been arranged for the annual aquatic sports of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, to take place at the Y.R.C. bath on Saturday, commencing at 9 p.m.

In all, there are twelve events on the card, including several handicap and championship contests. There will be an Inter-Company Team Race between the Machine Gun Co., the Portuguese Co., the Machine Gun Troop and the Mobile Unit—an event which is certain to arouse the keenest rivalry. Another feature will be the Water Polo match between teams representing the Defence Corps and the United Services.

The Corps Band will be in attendance and will provide an excellent selection of music, whilst after the presentation of prizes by Miss Jean Bird, there will be dancing to the strains of Mickey's Melody Makers.

All in all, it should prove a most enjoyable evening, and a large attendance is expected. It may be noted that the entries are three times more than those of last year, a fact which testifies to the keen interest being shown in this year's meeting.

BELGIAN OPEN GOLF.

BRITISH CONTESTANT SUCCESSFUL.

Brussels, July 22.

H. A. Lacey, of Selsdon Park, England, won the Belgian Open Golf Championship yesterday.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

C.R.C. DEFEAT I.R.C. IN "B" DIVISION.

The C.R.C., playing at home, made sure of winning the championship in the "B" Division of the tennis league by defeating the I.R.C. by 6½ sets to 2½ yesterday. Scores:

Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit (C.R.C.) beat A. A. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar 6-0; beat A. R. Minu and S. A. Ismail 6-4; beat O. Ismail and F. D. Pereira 6-3.

Chiu Chun-chiu and W. C. Hung (C.R.C.) beat Rumjahn and Madar 6-1; drew with Minu and Ismail 6-6; beat Ismail and Pereira 6-2.

Iu Tak-cheuk and Mow Yuk-kwan (C.R.C.) lost to Rumjahn and Madar 3-6; lost to Minu and Ismail 3-6; beat Ismail and Pereira 6-2.

"C" DIVISION CONTEST.

Graduates Association Win Easily.

Playing on the H.K. University ground yesterday, the Graduates Association defeated the Radio Sports Club in "C" division of the tennis league by 8 sets to one. Scores:

Dr. Samy and Dr. Guterres (G.A.) beat Wm. Chanson and C. L. Lau 6-2, beat Wm. Wu and C. N. Tsang 6-3, beat W. Abbas and Y. T. Mann 6-1.

Dr. Sepher and H. N. Chung (G.A.) beat Chanson and Lau 6-2, beat Wu and Tsang 6-1, lost to Abbas and Mann 4-6.

H. T. Lee and Dr. K. C. Yeo (G.A.) beat Chanson and Lau 6-1, beat Wu and Tsang 6-4, beat Abbas and Mann 6-1.

HELEN WILLS BACK ON COURTS.

EASY WINNER IN HER FIRST MATCH.

New York, July 22.

Mrs. Helen Wills Moody playing her first singles tournament match for thirteen months at Manchester, Mass., to-day decisively defeated Mrs. Robert Morris of Boston in the first round of the Essex County Club invitation singles. The scores were 6-0, 6-1.

CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Although "Skippy," Percy Crosby cartoon character, who comes to life with all his adult and kid friends on the King's Theatre screen, in the Paramount talking picture of that title, like Peter Pan, never grows up, his cinema bow is in the native of an eighteen birthday party. The rapidity with which the beloved boy rogue of Crosby's creation has attained nation-wide favour during the past few years, tends toward the illusion that "Skippy" is one of those sudden inspirations.

In reality, he was conceived in the mind of Crosby when the cartoonist was a youth of nineteen trying to crash his way into permanent work as a newspaper artist. For years, editors passed up a chance at Skippy until he finally won editorial favour and became an over-night public hero.

Crosby, thirty-seven years old, reviewed the past career of his boy hero as Paramount began the filmization of "Skippy," with Jackie Cooper as the lad; Robert Coogan, five-year-old brother of Jackie Coogan, as the well-known Sooky, and Mitzi Green and Jackie Searl in the juvenile cast.

Skippy was actually born when Crosby was six years of age. His family moved from Brooklyn to Long Island where he met the boys who later formed the composite youth who is Skippy. After completing at school, Crosby set out at eighteen to work as a cartoonist. His first job on the New York Call at $10 a week lasted just one pay day. His second, on the Globe, extended three weeks. Crosby then sold drawings wherever he could and although he met with success with other works, could not get Skippy accepted.

War intervened and Crosby returned after the conflict to continue his campaign with Skippy, which resulted, three years ago, in having Skippy appear for the first time in Life. Since then, the cartoon youngster has been a public favourite.

"Lightnin."

One lone man divorce seeker, a black sheep, so to speak, in a setting of beautiful women divorcees, finds his way to the divorce colony in know; it is simply a non-talking film with synchronized sound.

"No, 'Im not diametrically opposed to talkies," he said." "I merely feel they are not my medium. I feel that I am a better pantomimist than actor. As a matter of fact, talkies have put new life into the movies. But I feel I will always steer shy of them."

"Once a Sinner."

No more poignant, human, dynamic drama has come to the screen in years than is embodied in "Once A Sinner," the Fox Movietone production directed by Guthrie McClintic, which is now showing at the Central Theatre.

Dorothy Mackaill is featured and the story revolves around a beautiful girl who has sinned before marriage, and insists on telling her husband-to-be of her past before she marries him. By a strange turn of Fate, later, with the young husband's invention perfected, the money to finance it comes from a corporation headed by "the other man."

Eventually doubt and suspicion enter the mind of the young husband, and he demands the name of the other man which the young wife refuses to tell, knowing that to do so would mean the husband's refusal of the financial assistance which he so much needs. That brings a tremendous series of scenes, with the young wife insisting that her past belongs to her and her alone.

It is tremendous domestic drama, finely enacted by one of the most meritorious and best balanced casts seen in a long time, with Miss Mackaill superb and having abundant support from such notable players as Joel McCrea, who plays the young inventor husband; John Halliday, "the other man" in her life; C. Henry Gordon, as the owner of a string of gambling places in Paris; Sally Blane, Ilka Chase and Ninette Faro. McClintic has directed in a masterly manner and the aggregate constitutes one of the finest pieces of screen entertainment this year.

Another British Film.

Do you realise that a man of extreme aristocratic actions may in other people's eyes be a clown? See it for yourself in "Lord Richard in the Pantry," the British production which is coming to the Central Theatre on Sunday.

Lord Richard, acted by Richard Cooper, the foremost English comedian, is an aristocrat to the very extreme. He uses seven kinds of bath-soaps in a week, and prefers a particular one each day round and again. He listens to telephone messages and receives guests in his bath-tub. He is an absent-minded peer, and in excitement, he searches for certain mislaid documents of importance and forgets to don his nether garments. When he is still busily searching, the ladies who have bought his home arrive. He is fortunate enough to possess a butler of no small standing, who successfully screens his scantiness from the curious feminine eyes.

Added to his misfortunes are a fluttering heart, and a need for a guiding hand homewards, whenever he dines abroad.

As a chairman of a company interested in the development of a new seaside resort he has presumably issued a prospectus visualising a future super Brighton, but which actually develops into nothing but marsh. To escape angry shareholders he seeks disguise. After shaving his moustache, adding side face ornaments, and getting into a butler's suit, he goes to his old home, sees his old butler, and successfully applies for a position as a butler from the girl who has bought over his house.

Thinking that he has bluffed the girl, he tries to handle his situation with his utmost ability, but the situations that follow are one long laugh.

"Lightnin," Fox Movietone comedy drama starring Will Rogers, coming to the King's Theatre next Sunday.

The women seeking separations from their husbands refuse to speak to him because he is getting a divorce instead of permitting his wife to enjoy a three month's vacation at the Calivada hotel.

When one of the women asks "Lightnin," the role portrayed by Rogers, if he thinks it conventional for the man to reverse the order of things he replies: "Well it all depends on circumstances. I've never talked to him, but I can tell what kind of a gal he's married to because he has that wilted look like a punched meal ticket."

Rogers was great in "They Had To See Paris," he was greater in "So This Is London," but he is declared to be greatest in his characterization of "Lightnin."

The cast supporting Rogers includes Louise Dresser, Helen Cohan, Joel McCrea, J. M. Kerrigan and Sharon Lynn.

Henry King, a Photoplay medal winner with his "Tol'able David," directed the picture.

Chaplin has Einstein Crying.

You could almost see the scene before your eyes. "There we sat", said Charlie Chaplin, "a clown and a scientist watching the picture, sometimes laughing, sometimes singing."

He was describing the world premiere of "City Lights", which he attended with Dr. Albert Einstein, proponent of the Einstein theory of relativity. Through the milling crowds outside the theatre walked the comedian and his distinguished guest, all the time engaged in an animated conversation that was a combination of mengre, German and English. While the picture was being unreeled both would laugh, the scientist would occasionally wipe the tears of laughter from his eyes.

"City Lights", which is showing at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday is the first picture Chaplin has made in three years. And the man who has immortalized the dog-eared foot-gear battered hat and seedy clothes is more than a little proud of his accomplishment. Besides writing directing and starring in the picture, which he describes as "A romantic comedy in pantomime," Chaplin also composed the music for the piece.

"It is my first attempt at composing," said Chaplin a little shyly. "Music forms the background to the film, for "City Lights" is not silent, you

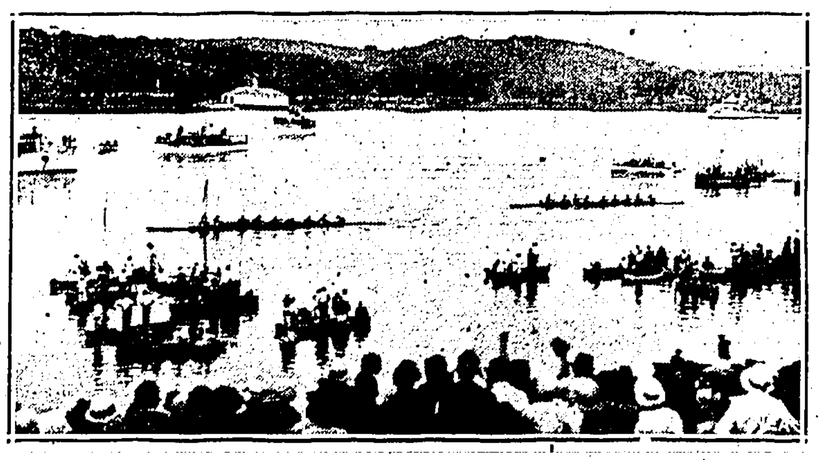
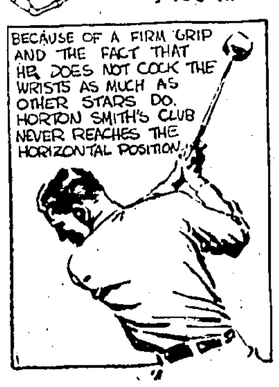


Photo showing the finish of the annual boatrace between Yale and Harvard. Harvard won superbly by two lengths, breaking Yale's domination which had lasted since 1920.



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There may be variance in the way some stars point their clubs at the top of the backswing but they all agree on this: When the hitting region is reached they are ready with cocked wrists to snap the club through.—ART KRENZ.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.20 A. Leach & N. K. Littlejohn.
9.24 W. C. Shields & Capt. Anderson.
9.28 F. H. Sommers & W. Wright.
9.32 S. C. Feltham & J. Forbes.
9.36 A. C. Coppin & H. Remington.
9.40 O. Eager & A. D. Humphreys.
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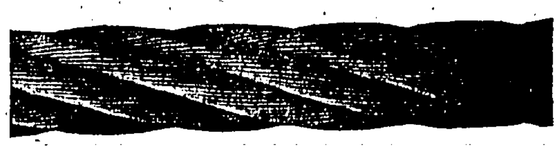

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The chief honours go to Constance Bennett, portraying the role of a victim of unfortunate circumstances who is forced to accept the easiest way of escaping from financial straits. How this eventually compromises her chances of happiness is the first genuine attachment after her feet had wandered off the straight and narrow path is treated with sympathy and restraint, and if the end does leave something to be desired, it is all in keeping with the rational trend of the story.

Adolphe Manjou fits ideally into the role of the suave man-about-town, and Robert Montgomery as the sincere young man willing to take a broad view of human shortcomings and restore love to its idyllic state, gives a performance which is without reproach.

This fine picture is being shown until Saturday.

TWO CAR DRIVERS FINED.

SPEEDING AND IGNORING SIGNAL.

Summoning the driver of public car No. 260 for driving at an excessive speed at Whitfield, Inspector Stimson told Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court this morning, that he followed the car for some distance. Proceeding at 25 miles an hour, the car accelerated to 30 miles as it passed the local Police Station, and overtook a tramcar.

The driver, who was only recently licensed, was said to have had a clear record so far. His Worship imposed a fine of $20.

In the case of another car driver who was summoned for disregarding the pointsman's signal at the junction of Arsenal Street, it was stated that the vehicle was proceeding alone Queen's Road East towards Wanchai. It approached the junction at the same time that Lt. Richardson, of the South Wales Borderers, entered it from Arsenal Street, and proceeded on despite a red light being shown towards him. Lt. Richardson who was driving a car, and had been signalled on by the green light, was forced to stop abruptly to avoid a collision.

The public car driver was fined $15.

THE DAVIS CUP.

DRAW FOR CHALLENGE ROUND.

Paris, July 23.

The draw for the Davis Cup challenge round, to start on Friday, is as follows:

Austin versus Cochet;
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The teams for Saturday's doubles will be announced later.—*Reuter.*

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ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, state:

Parades.

Corps Signals.—Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 31st July for Signalling Instruction.

Armoured Car Company, Car Section.—There will be a parade at Headquarters on Monday, 27th July for Gun Instruction. Instructors Class:—parade at Headquarters on Friday, 31st July.

Machine Gun Company.—There will be a meeting of Officers and Sergeants of the Company at 5.30 p.m. in the Lecture Room at Headquarters on Tuesday, 28th July. Company Rifle Club will fire at the Peak Range on Sunday, 2nd August at 9.30 a.m. Individual Spoon Shoot, Range Officer Lieut. E. G. Stewart.

The Officers commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their commands:—Corps Band, The Battery, Engineer Company, Machine Gun Troop, Scottish Company, Portuguese Company.

Struck Off The Strength.

Having Left the Colony.—No. 1509 Bdm. J. H. Tavares, Corps Band, as from 17.7.31.

No. 1506 Pte. W. V. Edley, No. 4 Platoon, as from 24.7.31.

Strength.

The following has been taken on the Corps Strength:—No. 1709 D. McLellan, M. G. Troop.

Leave.

Captain E. P. Minett, Medical Section granted 11 weeks' leave from 25.7.31 to 8.10.31.

W. H. G. GOATER, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

Notices.

Result of the 2nd Round of the Soldiers' Club Billard Tournament, 1931:—

H. K. V. D. C.

L/Cpl. M. A. Baptista	189
L/Cpl. A. P. Silva	153
Pte. L. Lima	88
L/Cpl. J. D. Remedios	192
L/Sgt. J. C. Remedios	200
Sgt. F. P. Sequeira	200
Pte. E. A. V. Remedios	200
Pte. M. M. Silva	200
	1,422

"B" Co. S. W. B.

"B" Co. S.W.B.	1,365
Total points	1,365

H.K.V.D.C. won by 57 points.

Golf Match.—The following will represent the Corps in a Match versus The South Wales Borderers at Shek-O on 29th instant:—Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., Captain E. J. R. Mitchell, W. H. G. Goater, Lieut. A. Hutton-Potts, Lieut. H. Owen Hughes, Lieut. J. F. Wright.

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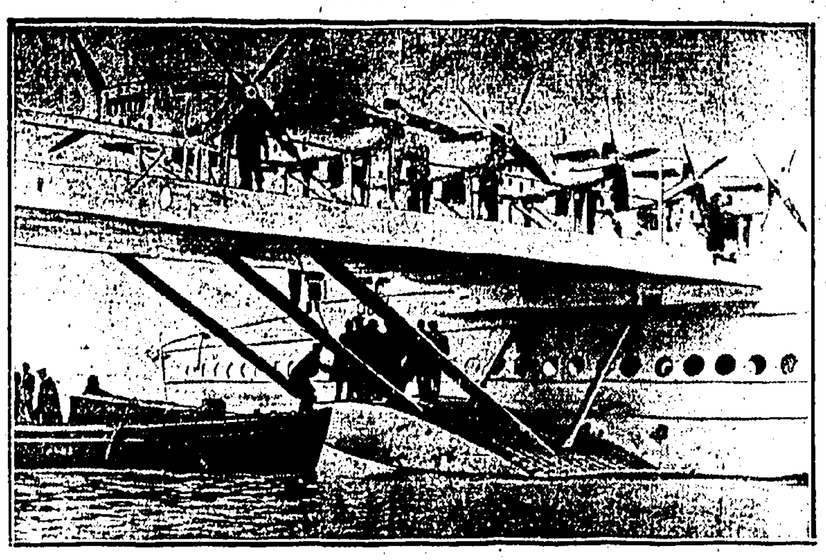

Our photo shows the great German airliner Do-X after her arrival at Rio de Janeiro. The size of the craft may be easily judged from the men aboard. A photo of a proposed British rival will be seen on the opposite page.

GERMAN CRISIS.

CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS MEASURES.

BANKS' COMMITTEE.

London, July 23.

The seven-Power conference concluded in London shortly after midday to-day. A communique was issued as follows:

"The recent excessive withdrawals of credit from Germany created an acute financial crisis. These withdrawals have been caused by lack of confidence, which was essentially justified by the economic and budgetary situation of the country. In order to restore the state of the finances of Germany which is essential in the interests of the whole world, the Governments represented at the conference are ready to co-operate, so far as lies within their power, to restore confidence. The Governments represented at the conference are ready to recommend for consideration of the financial institutions in their respective countries the following proposals for relieving the immediate situation:

That the Central Bank credit of G$100,000,000 recently granted to the Reichsbank under the auspices of the Bank for International Settlements be renewed at maturity for a period of three months.

That concerted measures should be taken by the financial institutions in different countries with a view to maintaining the volume of credits they have already extended to Germany.

The conference recommend that the Bank for International Settlements should be invited to set up, without delay, a committee of representatives nominated by the governors of the Central Banks interested, to inquire into the immediate further credit wants of Germany, and to study the possibilities of converting a portion of the short term credits into long term credits.

The conference noted with interest the communication from Doctor Bruening relative to the joint guarantee recently placed by German industry at the disposal of the discount bank. The conference are of opinion that a guarantee of this description is necessary to make it possible to provide a sound basis for the resumption of the normal operations of international credit.

The conference considers that if these measures are carried through, they will form the basis for more permanent action to follow."

The communique was signed by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, as president of the conference, and Sir Maurice Hankey, as the secretary general. *British Wireless.*

A Cordial Atmosphere.

London, July 23.

The proceedings of the London Conference concluded in a friendly atmosphere.

The German Chancellor and delegation later had luncheon with the French delegates at the German Embassy, and the guests remained until 3.30 p.m., views being exchanged for the purpose of laying the foundation of further collaboration.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Arthur Henderson will pay their return visit to Berlin at the beginning of next week.—*Reuter.*

Americans Disappointed.

New York, July 23.

Disappointment at the meagre results of the London conference is reflected in the losses of one or two points in the opening of the stock market.

United States Steel is down one and three-eighths. Westinghouse three quarters and General Motors three-eighths.—*Reuter's American Service.*

More Silver Money.

Berlin, July 23.

Among a flood of emergency decrees, one dated July 18 alters the coinage law of August, 1924. The latter established that only twenty marks of silver money could be minted per head of Germany's population. The new decree raises the limit to thirty marks, which means that silver coinage of a value of roughly 1,900,000,000 marks can be minted. The circulation of silver money on July 15 was 1,068,000,000 marks.

Whether the Reichsbank will use its authority to increase the silver circulation up to the new limit remains to be seen, but it can be regarded as certain that the Reichsbank will circulate silver money to an increasing extent.

The emergency decree hitherto has not affected the price of silver, as the Reichsbank has not yet made any demand for silver, having considerable supplies in reserve, and the price of silver compared with ten days ago is now actually quoted one mark lower per kilogramme.—*Reuter.*

Bank Deposits.

Berlin, later.

Restrictions on holders of bank accounts have been slightly lightened by the issue of a new

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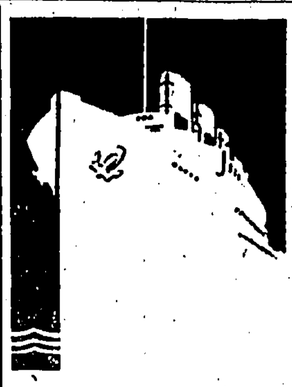

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Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	——	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	——	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	——	Oct. 25
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GERMAN CRISIS.

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decree authorising the banks to pay out ten per cent. of the deposited sum (but not exceeding 200 marks) compared with five per cent. hitherto allowed.

Depositors in savings banks are now allowed to withdraw up to 30 marks compared with 20 marks previously.—*Reuter.*

Bank Rate Raised.

London, July 23.

The Bank of England discount rate has been raised to 3½ per cent. —*Reuter.*

[The rate has not been as high as 3½ per cent. since May last year. On March 2 it was lowered from 4 to 3½; and on May 1 following was lowered to 3. On May 14 this year the rate was further reduced to 2½.]

No Surprise Caused.

Later.

The advance of the bank rate has not caused any surprise, considering the recent heavy gold drain from the Bank of England. Moreover, it was anticipated that

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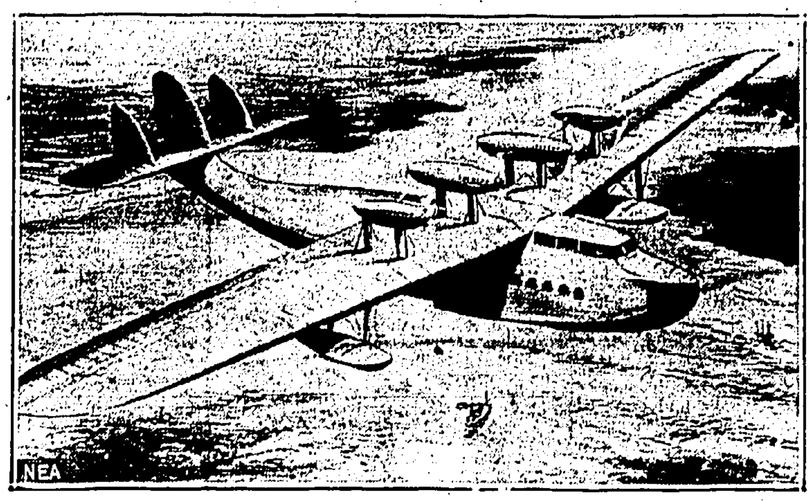
DESIGN OF NEW BRITISH FLYINGBOAT.



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THE RELEASE OF DR. F. TUCKER.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS.

Peking, July 23.

The United States Legation learns that the Chinese authorities at Tsinanfu have handed over Dr. Tucker to the American Consul, upon instructions from the Chinese Government.—*Reuter.*

[A Shanghai message of July 21 stated:

Following a public agitation and an "anti-Imperialist demonstration" the Chinese authorities in Shantung have arrested Dr. Francis Tucker, the respected Superintendent of the American Board Mission at Tehchow and have taken him to Tsinanfu. Up to the present they have refused to hand him over to the American Consulate. On the night of July 11, Dr. Tucker shot and killed a Chinese who was attempting to rob the Hospital where recently a number of robberies had taken place. The local Kuomintang is demanding, among other things, that Dr. Tucker should die.]

SOUTH CHINA'S TOUR.

ANOTHER FOOTBALL VICTORY FOR VISITING TEAM.

On a wet and slippery ground the South China football team met and narrowly defeated an All-Singapore XI on Wednesday, July 22. Ip Pak-wa scored the only goal of the match for the winners.

ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY.

MAN ARRESTED AFTER PLANS FALL THROUGH.

To be suddenly awakened and to find a man standing by his side threatening him with a dagger, was the unpleasant experience of a foki of a shop at 27, North Street, when two men attempted to commit an armed robbery there during the early hours of July 7.

After the inmates of the flat had gone to bed one of the two fokis on the floor was suddenly aroused by somebody feeling his face. On being thus awakened the man got up and found an intruder standing beside his bed with a dagger in his hand. He later saw another man standing at the foot of the bed with a revolver pointed at him.

Being frightened by the men the foki shouted "save life" and both made their escape before assistance arrived. On reaching the street the men separated and ran in different directions. One man ran towards the hillside and escaped while the other rushed in the opposite direction. A Chinese constable standing at the corner of Belchers Street and North Street saw both men escaping from the house and he gave chase, one man being caught.

The arrested man was charged with being concerned in the robbery and when brought before Mr. Williams, at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, he was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

PRESIDENT BOAT IN COLLISION.

JAPANESE SAILING SHIP HIT OFF MOJI.

Osaka, July 23.

One man has been seriously injured and three men are missing from a Japanese sailing vessel with which the s.s. President Grant, the American Dollar liner, collided this morning as it was on its way to Shanghai from Kobe.

The accident took place off Moji.—*Reuter.*

a further large sum would be earmarked to-day for France.

Sterling exchanges have now recovered slightly, but the markets are unsettled, pending further political developments.—*Reuter.*

The American View.

New York, July 23.

Bankers are of opinion that the advance of the London bank rate is obviously designed to prevent a further flow of gold out of the country, and is possibly also intended to draw funds to London, but consider such a movement at present unlikely, so far as New York is concerned.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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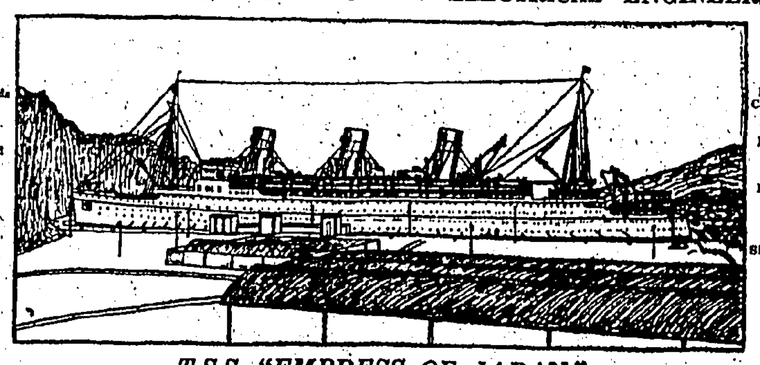

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"DRASTIC STEPS."

London, July 23.

A diminution of receipts approaching a million pounds sterling is revealed in the annual report of the Imperial and International Communications, Limited, for 1930.

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The directors declare that the communications services of the Empire cannot indefinitely be conducted at a loss as (on the basis of the present traffics) seems to be the probable outcome of the year 1931.

They state that they have examined every possible remedy for this "disastrous situation" including the raising of rates and the closing down of unprofitable routes and services. They conclude that nothing short of the most drastic measures will permanently restore the health of the communications system.—*Reuter.*

YOUNG SCOTSMAN SENTENCED.

THEFT OF CLOTHES IN SHANGHAI.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, July 24.

Alexander McLean, charged with stealing clothing valued at $120 belonging to Mr. C. G. Blaguez, on July 18, was yesterday sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour in the British Court by Mr. Haines.

McLean has been unemployed for about two years.

Fate of German Airmen.

Machine Shot Down in Mongolia.

ONE REPORTED TO BE WOUNDED.

Shanghai, July 22.

Captain Johnnes Rathje and Herr Otto Koelber, German airmen of the Eurasia Aviation Corporation who have been missing since July 2, are being detained by the hostile Outer Mongolian troops and one of them is in a hospital with bullet wounds in the leg, according to a telegram received at the local office of the aviation concern this morning from Mr. Kiang Dah, station master at Manchuli.

The airmen were flying a Junkers mail plane from Peking to Manchuli and according to first news were forced down by bad weather. When search planes were sent out they were fired upon by Mongolian troops who had captured the machine.

Mr. Kiang Dah was refused entry to Outer Mongolia by Soviet and Mongolian troops on the border.

But from information gathered from inhabitants who are fleeing to Inner Mongolia in the face of civil war, it is revealed that the Junkers monoplane, Eurasia No. 2, was actually shot down by troops on July 2 and the two Germans arrested.

Obstruction on Border.

The station master and his party of one interpreter and eight armed soldiers left Manchuli on Saturday in a motor car to ascertain the fate of the two fliers.

The party made several futile attempts to persuade the troops of their mission and were not allowed to pass.

During their stay near the border, several fleeing inhabitants told Mr. Kiang Dah they had heard that a plane was shot down and two foreigners captured. One foreigner, they declared, was wounded and sent to a hospital in "Pei-Er-Tsz." The aeroplane was shot down near "Tai-Man-Shin-Car," they stated.

Official Investigation.

Herr Wilhelm Schmidt, vice-president of the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, and Mr. D. D. Li, the operations manager, are in Peking seeking the services of Mongolian interpreters and guides. They are expected to proceed to Manchuli shortly to make a second investigation.

Meanwhile, the German Government and the Committee for Mongolian and Thibetan Affairs of the Chinese Government also are pressing for the release of the two fliers and the plane.

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WILL OF LATE MR SOLLY JOEL.

London, July 18.

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